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language, has always considered that its creative contribution to universal culture is a faithful testimony to its most significant traits, traits that make it different, in fields such as the fine arts, architecture, music, theatre, dance or literature.

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SALUTATIONS

de Jacques Santer



Jacques Santer is President of the European Commission. He became patron of AEGEE-Europe in March 1995.

La jeunesse en Europe joue un grand rôle dans la coopération, la communication et l'intégration du continent. A travers une confrontation active et critique avec l'Europe d'aujourd'hui aussi bien qu'avec celle de demain, les jeunes peuvent contribuer à construire une société ouverte et tolérante. Si les décideurs de demain ne croient pas en une Europe unie, le rêve de l'Europe tombera à l'eau.

Les jeunes sont très souvent le plus désireux de s'ouvrir à d'autres coutumes et manières de penser. L'Europe, composée d'une grande variété de peuples aux expériences et aux passés multiples, qui ont beaucoup à apprendre les uns des autres leur offre un champ incomparable. Ne pas profiter de cette opportunité d'apprentissage culturel signifierait une vie plus pauvre, aux moindres nuances.

L'année 1996 fut décisive par les rapprochements des nationalités européennes qu'elle a permis. En début d'année, la Suède, l'Autriche et la Finlande se sont jointes à l'Union Européenne, et plusieurs pays de l'Europe de l'Est, ont exprimé leur intérêt en demandant leur l'adhésion à l'Union Européenne.

L'aspect de l'Europe est en plein changement. L'Union Européenne accueillera sans doute de nouveaux pays à l'aube du XXIème siècle. La réalisation de l'Union monétaire entraînera une plus grande harmonie et l'établissement d'une plus grande identité européenne. Notre monde se transforme, et il est très important que les citoyens européens participent à ces évolutions, particulièrement les plus jeunes.

Afin de permettre aux jeunes de communiquer entre eux par-delà les frontières, de lancer des initiatives, il faut mettre en place des structures. L'AEGEE est l'une des associations les plus actives, qui oeuvre au rapprochement des jeunes d'Europe. Je souhaite donc bonne chance à tous ses membres pour leur projets.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jacques Santer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

GREETINGS

by Gerhard Kreß

With the beginning of 1996 AEGEE started into the second decade of its existence. 1996 was a year full of changes and many important steps were taken to prepare AEGEE for the challenges of the future.

One of the biggest changes in 1996 was surely the move of the main office to Brussels. For the first time AEGEE has a Comité Directeur working and living together in one place. The work is more concentrated now and the quality of the actions has risen even further. Even though the start in Brussels was not always easy and not everything went smoothly, AEGEE has overcome all obstacles by now. The situation at the end of 1996 looks much better than expected. AEGEE is ready to start the year 1997 with lots of energy and many new ideas.

The first sign of this new attitude was already given when AEGEE openly supported the student protest in Belgrade and started to be involved in the events.

In 1997 AEGEE will show its new strength and come up with a series of new and innovative projects to fulfil the programme "Steps to the Future".

This year AEGEE will launch one of the biggest projects ever, named "Europe and Euro...", dealing with the Economic and Monetary Union. Ten conferences and seminars throughout the year will together with a big essay contest make the voice of young people in Europe heard. With this project AEGEE wants to contribute to the political processes connected to the change-over to the single currency.

A second new and extensive project of AEGEE carries the name "Neighbourhood in Europe". With this event series AEGEE wants to show that young people in Europe are able to work together across national borders. These borders are not dividing Europe anymore, they rather enrich our continent because of the different cultures they preserve.

With the project "Electronic Democracy" AEGEE looks into the future of communication and democratic involvement of citizens. In our current situation many people want to participate in the decision making processes of society, but often face the problem of restricted access to information. By creating an own "Intranet" and providing all members with access possibilities, AEGEE wants to overcome this problem and involve young people from all areas of Europe. After this first step AEGEE will carry out first experiments in electronic decision making processes. Tools and specialised software will be developed and finally AEGEE aims at holding a virtual Presidents' Meeting.

With these new ideas AEGEE tries to give an input in our society and to influence the future development of Europe.



Gerhard Kreß is President of AEGEE-Europe since November 1995. He joined AEGEE in 1993 and has previously been President of AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden.

Gerhard Kreß

ABOUT AEGEE

A network of European friends

AEGEE promotes the idea of a unified Europe

From Paris to Brussels

A short history of AEGEE

AEGEE was founded in Paris 1985. This foundation was based on the outcome of a huge conference, "EGEE 1", which was organised in a cooperation between the five Grand Ecoles in Paris. Their aim was to create a platform for young Europeans to discuss European matters and present their ideas to European and national institutions. Due to the uniqueness of the idea, EGEE was able to stimulate many students to establish locals in their cities.

AEGEE had to face a major discussion in 1990, in times of changes in Central and Eastern Europe. The question was whether it should limit itself to merely the EC countries as it had done since the beginning or if it should open itself to the whole of Europe. The network decided with an absolute majority to enter Central and Eastern Europe and the EFTA countries. This decision, prepared by the East-West Working Group and the CD, the "Quo Vadis" group, led to a huge growth of the network.

In the 1980s AEGEE's external relations were dedicated mostly to the European Union, where AEGEE promoted the instalment of the ERASMUS programme as well as the TEMPUS project. This self-restriction to the European Union was abandoned when AEGEE opened itself to the whole Europe. Consequently AEGEE became a candidate member as NGO at the Council of Europe.

In 1996 the AEGEE headquarters moved to Brussels and gave up their temporary domicile in Delft. The positive effect: AEGEE is closer to the European institutions.

AEGEE (Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe) is a student organisation that promotes the idea of a unified Europe, assisted by an unmatched network of European friends. By critical confrontation with the Europe of today and tomorrow AEGEE wants to help developing an open and tolerant society.

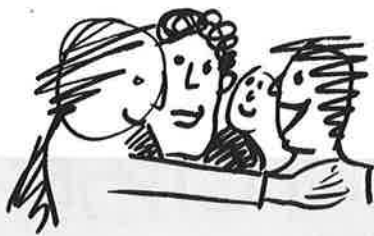
AEGEE has about 15.000 members in more than 200 local groups, called "antennae", all over Europe. As a non-governmental, politically independent and non-profit organisation, AEGEE is open for students of all faculties.

AEGEE puts its aim with European integration into practice. Each year Summer Universities are held by many antennae to teach fellow students language and culture. In a similar fashion conferences are organised on topics as diverse as "European Security", "Tourism", or "Contemporary European Literature".

Being truly European, AEGEE does not consider any national organisation level and relies solely on the local groups and a European level. The latter consist of four support commissions, several Working Groups and a European board of directors. European institutions such as the European Commission, the Council of Europe or the UNESCO are natural part-

ners for AEGEE in their never ending quest for accelerating the integration process.

The local level, finally, provides the base for all activities offering regular social meetings. Often ERASMUS students are taken care of and usually speakers are invited to lecture on European and other topics of interest. Thus the AEGEE members are given plenty of opportunity to train their organisational and social skills, challenged by groups composed of different mentalities.



ACTIVITIES

More than 70 Summer Universities, 40 conferences, Case Study Trips and projects: There is hardly any weekend at which the AEGEE world takes a rest.

SUMMER UNIVERSITIES

A Summer University can be about learning French in Montpellier, Turkish culture in Istanbul or sailing in the Adriatic sea. Most of the Summer Universities, which last usually for two weeks, offer language courses. It is a general policy that the courses are made as cheap as possible: the courses, including lodging and at least one meal per day, cost not more than 100 ECU. This summer 76 Summer Universities will take place.

However, attending a Summer University means not only learning a foreign language, it is also a possibility to increase the international awareness. By gaining a deepened knowledge of the country visited, as well as of the cultures the other participants come from, the Summer Universities put the term European integration into practice.

CONFERENCES

Nearly every weekend an antenna organises a conference - somewhere in Europe. During conferences people from all over Europe, students and professionals, meet and discuss important topics to exchange ideas, information and impressions on a variety of subjects. Since AEGEE is an interdisciplinary organisation, the conferences cover a wide range of topics, like "Security in Europe", "Cultural stereotypes" and "Medical ethics".

CASE STUDY TRIPS

The Case Study Trip is a perfect way to learn more about a specific region in Europe. 20 students go on a bus tour through one or several countries, doing field studies with questionnaires and interviews. AEGEE's network has a structure to successfully bring out an event like this: not only people from several antennae are involved, but also the antennae in the region which is studied. In AEGEE, the Case Study Trip is a relatively new event. In 1997 there will be among others CSTs to the Baltic states and Moldavia.

PROJECTS

Projects are most often a series of conferences, seminars and Case Study Trips, which focus on a certain topic. Doing scientific research their results are used by decision makers as reference material for their policies. Also other regular activities with a specific aim within AEGEE are called projects, like the AEGEE-Award, a new prize for dedicated Europeans.

MOOT COURT

The European Law Moot Court aims to offer a forum for discussing questions of current legal, social and practical significance emerging from European integration. The competition is organised by the European Law Moot Court Society and AEGEE in co-operation with ElSa (European Law Students Association). Nowadays it is a well-known bilingual trial for law students and young lawyers in teams of three or four people.



STRUCTURE

There are many ways for AEGEE members to become active in Europe: working in international teams like Working Groups and project teams, being parliamentarians at Agoras and Presidents' Meetings - or steering AEGEE in European commissions and the Comité Directeur.

ANTENNAE

Antenna is the name of an AEGEE local. An antenna organises usually at least one European event per year as well as local activities. Currently there are 211 antennae and contact groups in AEGEE, from Moscow to London, from Istanbul to Stockholm.

AGORA

The Agora, AEGEE's general assembly, meets twice a year. Up to 600 AEGEE-members gather for three days to discuss proposals and projects, take decisions and set up the guidelines for AEGEE.

PRESIDENTS' MEETING

At the Presidents' Meeting (PM) delegates from local boards meet to discuss the ongoing work of AEGEE. It is also a preparation meeting for the Agora and takes place twice a year, in March and September.

CD

The Comité Directeur, the board of the directors, consist of a maximum of nine persons from at least four countries. Every CD member has his or her own area of responsibility. As a whole, the CD is the administrative and representative body of AEGEE, with responsibility for contacts to the European Union and the Council of Europe.

WORKING GROUPS

Working Groups are the thematic backbone of AEGEE. They are multinational groups of AEGEE members which organise events on a specific topic, such as education policy, minorities in Europe and environmental issues.

THE COMMISSIONS

The commissions are supporting or controlling bodies to the CD. They consist of the audit commission, the members commission, the juridical commission and the network commission.

PROJECT TEAMS

The project teams coordinate the work of the European-wide projects of AEGEE. These projects are series of conferences and other activities on a certain subject. The teams consist of members from the different participating locals.



AEGEE's biggest asset: the organisation does not have a national level

Mitmachen: Zukunft gestalten!

*«Die Welt, die wir
geschaffen haben, ist
das Resultat einer
überholten Denkweise.
Die Probleme, die sich
daraus ergeben, können
nicht mit der gleichen
Denkweise gelöst
werden, durch die sie
entstanden sind.»*

Albert Einstein

Sie, die Studenten von heute, sind die Entscheider von morgen. Deshalb interessiert uns Ihre Meinung, denn die soll zukünftig verstärkt in unsere Arbeit einfließen. Dabei geht es uns vor allem um die aktuellen Fragen eines Großunternehmens, auf die wir morgen die richtigen Antworten geben wollen.

Wir suchen auf diesem Wege Studentengruppen oder -initiativen, die mit uns zusammen Lösungsansätze zu Fragen unserer gemeinsamen Zukunft finden wollen. Aus dem Themenkreis "Chemie, Mensch und Umwelt" könnten wir z.B. über Gentechnologie oder Kunststoffrecycling sprechen. Oder Sie nennen uns ein Thema, das Sie schon immer einmal in einer sach- und fachkundigen Runde diskutieren wollten.

Also, wenn Ihre Gruppe etwa zwanzig Köpfe zählt, die alle über den Tellerrand ihres Studiums hinaussehen, dann laden wir Sie zu einem eintägigen Workshop ein.

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JANUARY

AEGEE-Europe office moves to Brussels

Five CD members can live permanently in the new headquarters

- 1 **Brussels:** The AEGEE-Europe headquarters move from Delft to Brussels. →
- Karlsruhe:** Due to the increasing numbers of messages on the AEGEE e-mail listserver the main communication tool of AEGEE moves to a different computer centre. →
- 2 **Eindhoven:** AEGEE-Eindhoven presents its cake contest on the listserver. Every month a city is presented on the World Wide Web. The readers have to find out the name. The monthly winner gets a cake.
- Torino:** Alessandra Siniscalco, Liaison Officer for UNESCO presents a questionnaire to the AEGEE locals, which serves as a basis for a UNESCO research paper.
- 8 **Aachen:** The OneEurope Working Group publishes the latest issue of AEGEE's OneEurope Magazine. Issue 9 features among other topics articles on the eastern enlargement of the EU and Internet security.
- 9 **Oslo:** CD-member Johannes Kind starts a discussion about the position of AEGEE towards the single currency Euro.
- 13 **Torino:** Meeting of the Education Working Group.
- 18 **Brussels:** The Comité Directeur (CD) establishes an own site on the World Wide Web with updated information about the work of the European board.
- 19 **Karlsruhe:** AEGEE-Karlsruhe establishes a regional e-mail listserver for Southern Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France in order to foster regional co-operation and information exchange.
- 22 **Strasbourg:** AEGEE presents itself with a photo exposition at the Council of Europe →
- Brussels:** AEGEE-Europe takes part as only students organisation in the Single Currency Round Table of the European Commission concerning the Euro →
- Heidelberg:** Dinu Gherman presents the "logo machine". Each AEGEE local can create an own AEGEE logo via this page on the World Wide Web: <http://www.nmr.embl-heidelberg.de/gherman/AEGEE/>
- 27 **London:** "Twisted Minds" is the title of the first AEGEE congress in 1996. Topic is psychology →
- 30 **Brussels:** CD-member Alex Ootes presents a discussion paper on information technology in AEGEE.



The current office of AEGEE-Europe.
Left: Secretary Connie Krikke fights with the files.

BRUSSELS, 1
AEGEE-Europe has a new home. The headquarters of Europe's largest interdisciplinary students' association move today from Delft in the Netherlands to Brussels. "Now we are much closer to many European institutions", says Christoph Strohm, President of AEGEE-Europe. "We should have moved here already much earlier."
In its 11-year history the AEGEE headquarters moved several times. AEGEE was founded in Paris in 1985, the first office was in the French capital. Soon, however, the most active part of the network proved to be in the Netherlands. Also the main office moved to the Netherlands and found a new home in Delft. The main office was close to the biggest and most vivid locals in the network - and it could take advantage of free phoning and mailing facilities.
In Brussels AEGEE does not have these advantages. "It does not matter. We wanted this move, because there can only be one place for a European students' association - Brussels", affirms Christoph Strohm. "We can now improve our contacts with the European institutions and other NGOs enormously."
The new headquarters are in Etterbeek, a five-minute walk from the European

Commission. Next to a 50 square meter office there are four rooms, offering place to live for five CD members. "In Delft we could not offer our CD members rooms", regrets Strohm. "Now, that half of the CD can live permanently in one place, we are able to work much more effectively."
Moreover, the new headquarters offer Working Groups and project teams the chance to hold their meetings there. Additionally AEGEE-Europe offers thematic meetings on topics like fund-raising or public relations.
On 14 September the office of AEGEE-Europe moves again - to another location within Brussels. "We found a house with better facilities for a much lower price", explains CD member Gerhard Kreß. The new building is situated only a few hundred meters from the previous one. Kreß: "It belongs to the state's phone company Belgacom and they have to let it under very cheap conditions to an NGO."

No introduction of the Euro without the support of the youth

AEGEE-Europe scores success at the Single Currency Round Table of the European Commission

BRUSSELS, 22-24

AEGEE-Europe takes successfully part in the Single Currency Round Table on the Euro currency. The meeting was organised by the European Commission under the title: "The communications' challenge". It focuses on strategies how to make the Euro, the future single currency, accepted by the population. AEGEE is invited as the only NGO representing young people. "We succeeded in making clear that the information campaign should focus on young people. Several of our positions made it into the recommendation paper", reports Christoph Strohm, President of AEGEE-Europe. "This is a big success for our organisation and young people in general."

Among the 400 participants of the meeting there are several members of the European Commission, as well as the Italian Prime Minister, Lamberto Dini, Sir Brian Unwin (European Investment Bank) and Lord

Jenkins (House of Lords, UK). AEGEE attends the Round Table with a delegation of 10 people, among them five CD members. The delegation has prepared a position paper, in which the central role of young people as future customers is stressed.

In one of the three workshops Christoph Strohm holds a keynote speech. "The information campaign for the support of the European public for the Euro should not be exclusively aimed at informing them about the period of the change-over. It should be at least equally important to create a trust in this new currency in a long term perspective", says Strohm. "As today's young generation is the future of Europe, it should be the main addressee of such a promotion campaign."

Spreading lengthy information papers however would not be sufficient. "We suggest to support young people in organising local and international events dealing with the

Euro, to train higher education students to act as multipliers towards secondary school pupils and to support young people in spreading the information through young media, such as the Internet, music television and youth magazines", adds Christoph Strohm.

"Our points were not mentioned in any part of the debate before", comments Gerhard Kreß (AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden). "We were able to influence one of the biggest projects of the European Union." AEGEE proved the European Commission that it is a serious partner.

After the Round Table AEGEE-Europe decides to set up an information campaign - like proposed to the Commission in the meeting. The conference cycle "Europe and Euro..." consists of 10 conferences, seminars and an essay contest and becomes a priority topic for 1997.

Showing the many faces of AEGEE

Picture exposition at the Council of Europe followed with much interest



Pictures of an exhibition: AEGEE presents its many sides in Strasbourg

STRASBOURG, 22-26

AEGEE presents itself with a picture exposition at the Council of Europe. During this successful PR week large photographs and texts are presented, the AEGEE World Wide Web pages are displayed and publications are distributed in the Palais de L'Europe. A team of members of locals of the region, Working Groups and the CD supply information about AEGEE and its

projects.

"The Council of Europe with its nearly 40 member states in East and West is the European governmental organisation most visibly reflecting the aims and the geographic scope of AEGEE", says CD member Johannes Kind, main organiser of this exposition. "I had the idea during one of my many visits to the Council" says Johannes Kind. "I was very happy, when Leni

Fischer, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council, granted us with the permission to arrange this exposition and a reception - right in front of the Assembly hall during one of its sessions."

Together with Gunnar Erth (AEGEE-Szeged), who contributed with most of the pictures, Johannes Kind prepared the exposition in the AEGEE office in Brussels and in Strasbourg. On 15 big boards the structure and many faces of AEGEE are presented: Agoras and Presidents' Meetings next to Summer Universities and congresses. Gunnar Erth: "Many visitors were especially interested in our pictures about Tuzla, where we founded AEGEE during the war".

The European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe supports AEGEE-Europe with an annual administration grant. It also helps financing AEGEE projects like the OneEurope Magazine and conferences. Since 1994, AEGEE is elected member of the Liaison Committee of NGOs enjoying consultative status with the Council of Europe. "The exposition gave us the opportunity to intensify our relations with the Council", says Johannes Kind. "During the entire week members of the Assembly, staff of the secretariat and representatives of NGOs displayed great interest in our exhibition and the many different activities of AEGEE."

The e-mail revolution makes AEGEE faster

Listserver moves due to increasing number of messages

KARLSRUHE, 1

Due to the increasing number of messages the AEGEE e-mail listserver moves to a new computer. The so-called "AEGEE-L" listserver is the main communication tool in AEGEE: more than 450 locals and individual members are subscribed and receive via AEGEE-L the latest news about congresses, Working Groups or CD decisions. Everybody - members and nonmembers - can subscribe to this e-mail listserver and can participate in the ongoing

discussions. The e-mail listserver makes it possible to send and receive information, which otherwise had to be exchanged via letter or telephone.

"The listserver revolutionised our association. AEGEE became faster and more democratic", says Martin von Brocke, author of the "AEGEE e-mail guide". "E-mail is for free for most students and nearly everybody has access to it." The listserver was introduced only three years ago, when more and more universities offered their students

e-mail accounts. In order to subscribe one has to send an e-mail to "listserv@rz.uni-karlsruhe.de" with the text "subscribe aegee-l <name> <city>". Messages to the listserver have to be sent to the following address: aegee-l@rz.uni-karlsruhe.de.

Aside from the main listserver AEGEE-L there are about 30 specialised listservers in AEGEE. The CD and every Working Group has its own communication tool, also each project group and several locals.

"Only the ways to kill and torture have changed"

"Twisted minds" in London: When is a person normal, when does madness start?

LONDON, 26-28

When is a person normal, when is it considered to have a "twisted mind"? This was the main question of the congress "Twisted mind or product of society?", organised by AEGEE-London. 25 students from six countries attended the conference. "Behind any behaviour there is always a reason and the maddest one is still the most natural and obvious for the owner's mind", explains organiser Frida Morrone. Over a certain point, a different behaviour could be dangerous for the others, for the person itself, for the society. "History is full of examples that demonstrate that differences in behaviour are not so huge. Only the ways to kill, torture and dominate the others have slightly changed", adds Frida Morrone. On the other hand, society and individuals have more refined protections: more detailed laws, better studies of the human behaviour, psychoanalysts and hospitals to take care of people.

A sociologist, a police officer and a psychiatrist talked about the present attitude of medicine and society to reduce diversions. The law defines a standard behaviour, as Ms. Hannah Quirik, sociologist at Cambridge University pointed out. These laws, however,

are made by people in power who often are detached from the lives of average persons. In her lecture she examined the force relationships between the establishment and a country's legal and social structure with all classes of a society. Ms. Quirik: "Family and geographic conditions influence the behaviour."

The power relation between state and people has changed in the past decades. "The police tries to be on the people's side and not against them", said Derek Etherton, chief inspector at Scotland Yard. "Our aim is to make citizens trust in the police and not to fear it."

A lecture about Alfred Hitchcock's black cinema examined how sensitive people have been charmed and influenced by the dark part inside of everybody. The session considered Hitchcock both as man and director, looking at his work in the UK and Hollywood. "For Hitchcock watching a film



Present for the speaker: Derek Etherton spoke about the relation between citizens and the police.

was a voyeuristic activity", reveals lecturer Fred Creasy from London University. "Therefore he preferred suspense rather than surprise in his films." In his talk Creasy referred to films like "Psycho" which the participants watched the previous evening.

From information society to citizenship: A cocktail of topics

The AEGEE yearplan for 1996 is presented by the Comité Directeur

BRUSSELS, 1

"Europeans participating in an open society" is the title of the AEGEE yearplan for 1996. "The yearplan is AEGEE's most important planning tool", explains Tina Dörffer, CD member in charge of the yearplan activities. Each year the delegates of the locals decide on the spring Agora about the three or four topics, on which AEGEE should focus in the following year. The topics for 1996 are:

"European citizenship - our new identity": European institutions are vested with increasing power. But do the citizens also develop a European identity? Is there a European culture? In several

congresses these questions shall be examined; the events shall promote participation of the young citizens in the civil society.

"Towards a unified Europe": AEGEE wants to examine the chances for an enlargement of the European Union. Not only integration of Central and Eastern European countries is important, also a closer co-operation with the countries in the Mediterranean is desirable.

"The information society - a new condition of living": Computers, TV and the Internet change communication and social structure. AEGEE wants to organise events providing a global vision of the information society.



FEBRUARY

1 **Tampere/Kuusamo (Lapland):** AEGEE-Tampere organises a Snow University.

Passau: AEGEE-Passau invites to the congress "Europe is dancing". →

3 **Mountains region of Grenoble:** AEGEE-Grenoble organises a snowshoe-weekend.

Heidelberg: International "Ball masquerade" in the castle of Heidelberg.

9 **Amsterdam:** 300 students take part in the congress "Drug policies in Europe". →

10 **Aachen:** Forum Aachen II / Visions for 1996.

Mainz: Job Fair Working Group meeting

11 **Amsterdam:** Human Rights Working Group meeting.

12 **Athina:** AEGEE-Athina presents the so far most advanced World Wide Web site of an AEGEE local

14 **Delft:** The Education Working Group promotes the "Plan de la Fayette". This programme supports students, who want to go abroad within the ERASMUS Programme of the EU. →

15 **München:** Georg Portenkirchner, speaker of the East-West Working Group, proposes to make two Case Study Trips to Moldavia and to the Baltic states.

16 **Rijeka:** Carnival in Rijeka.

18 **Maastricht:** Carnival in Maastricht

22 **Udine:** The Summer University Coordination Committee presents the new Summer University booklet.

Köln: AEGEE-Köln organises the congress "Spotlights on a dark age - Europe and the Middle Ages" →

Berlin: AEGEE-Berlin offers an additional programme to the film festival in the German Capital.

23 **Delft/Utrecht:** "Understanding Europe Symposium".

24 **Delft:** Alex Ootes (CD) presents the concept of "Electronic Democracy". AEGEE should promote electronic voting and help equipping the AEGEE locals with necessary computers and Internet connections.

Kosice: Akos Wetters proposes the creation of an "Exchange Working Group". Its aim is to develop the AEGEE network and help locals in danger.

27 **Madrid:** AEGEE-Madrid announces the winners of its painting contest. →

"Drug addicts are declared criminal"

Is a European narcotics policy possible? Discussion in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM 8-9

Drug policies in Europe was the heading of this conference, organised by AEGEE-Amsterdam. Most of the speakers took an active stand for a legalisation of the use of drugs.

The subject was illustrated from various angles. The conference started off with a speech about the internal effect on drugs, delivered by Mr. Fromberg. He claimed that addiction does not depend on the substance, but on the person. Our society focuses only on the addicts who end up in the hospital, and thereby think that they are representative in their drug use, whereas the majority handles their use of drugs perfectly well. "It's a war against citizens who use illegal drugs and are declared criminal even if their use doesn't cause problems" he said.

What about a common European drug policy? Mr. B. de Ruyver, advisor of the European commission questioned if one can speak of such a thing as a European drug policy since all countries have developed its



Clothes made from drug plants



Marihuana in the drug museum of Amsterdam

Still, most speakers were of the opinion that, compared to other countries, the Netherlands face their drug problems quite well. Having a pragmatic approach is more efficient than aiming for the absolutely drug-free society, they meant. An example of this is the MDHG (medical social service for heroin users), an interest group for drug users which receives a financial subsidy from the City of Amsterdam.

own policy. However, after the Maastricht treaty the European Commission has created new possibilities for the Union to play a more important role in the combat

against the use and trade of drugs. The European Union follows the United Nations by opting for a global approach of the problems. It is obvious that a joint approach of all member states would lead to better results than individual actions taken by the member states, said Mr. B de Ruyver.



Partying in the medieval city gate

Köln: World of the middle ages

KÖLN, 22-24

Back to the past: AEGEE-Köln invited the 80 participants of its congress "Spotlight on a Dark Age - Europe and the Middle Ages" for an excursion into the history. 1000 years ago the Rhine city was the third biggest town in Europe; AEGEE-Köln presented the former grandeur with lectures and discussions on topics like "Students and universities in the middle ages", "The looks of the medieval city" - and with a concert with medieval music.

"We had the idea of the congress about one year ago", remembers Thorsten Schassan. He, Oliver Watteler and Martin Brock were the main organisers. "There is hardly any city in Europe, where you can organise a historical event about the middle ages as well as in Köln." The city was cultural, political and trade centre, as well as destination of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims.

The middle ages were a turning point in the history of universities. Previously, learning meant listening to a teacher and reading the writings of authorities rather than thinking about things by oneself. "This changed during the High Middle Ages, when teachers and students got into a dialogue, started asking

questions", professor Meuthen from Köln University pointed out. Well-known teachers got more important, they travelled round Europe. A higher mobility was the result.

The problems of history writing was topic of the lecture by professor Parisse, explaining the development of the French and German nation. Can one speak about a "German" culture, literature or language without a German "nation"? Professor Parisse: "It is better to discuss other questions like the influence of the Roman culture on the French and Italian culture and why it led into different directions."

In several workshops the participants discovered old trade routes, learned about symbols and architecture of a medieval city and - a modern topic - marketing concepts for medieval music. "The success of medieval music is not predictable", explained Mr. Schmitz, manager at EMI-Electronics in his workshop. "Advertising is worth much but not everything". The participants were enthusiastic about this music,



Köln's past in the limelight: The poster of the "Middle Ages" congress

when they listened to a minstrel concert of the group "Oswald", which was specially arranged for the congress in the crypt of a Romanesque church and ended in a polonaise round the crypt. Also the European Night party had its special medieval flavour: it took place in one of the old city-gates.

Student from Beograd wins painting contest

MADRID, 27

Erika Janovic from AEGEE-Beograd wins the second painting contest "Paintings around Europe". The competition was jointly organised by AEGEE-Madrid and the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM). The picture of Erika Janovic shows a portrait of a man, drawn on paper with black carbon steak. She receives 25.000 Pesetas, about 155 ECU. Two students from UAM university, Jorge Gutierrez and Javier Diaz, got the second and third prize.

"The quality of the pictures was much higher than two years ago, when we organised this competition for the first time", says Monica Palenzuela, main organiser and Vice-president of AEGEE-Madrid. It is not clear yet, whether there will be a third competition in 1997. Monica Palenzuela: "I would like to organise it again, but first I have to ask the vice-principal of UAM, whether we can get their support again." The preparation for the contest takes nearly one year.

The congress is dancing again

From csardas to flamenco - Passau moved everybody's feet



Let's dance! In Passau everybody had fun...

PASSAU, 1

There are a thousand and one possibilities for man to move, from walking to crawling, from creeping to jumping. But why invented the homo sapiens one more way which resembles more a social game than a form of locomotion? The congress "Europe is Dancing" tried to answer this question. Taking place in Passau from 1 to 4 February 1996 it gave the chance to about 80 participants to learn and

experience a variety of different European and other dances in workshops. Quite a number of workshop participants favoured southern vivacity doing csardas and flamenco, others loved hopping around to Greek folk music or refreshed long gone memories of ballroom dancing-lessons. Thus the European Night party on Friday evening - although well frequented - was left by more than one person before two o'clock hinting stealthily at their

aching feet.

Two lectures on Modern Dance theory and history by Ms. Traub from the Iwanson-School for Contemporary Dance and Dr. Kneiss from the University of Vienna gave theoretical background knowledge before the highlight, the International Ball. "This ball delighted any dancer's heart", tells organiser Cosima Grun. Formal dress and Viennese Waltz had their season to make for a second time after 1814/15 the dictum come true: "Le congres ne siege pas, il danse" - The congress is dancing!



MARCH

- 1 **Eindhoven:** The spring Presidents' Meeting 1996 in the main city of Brabant hosts 450 participants. →
- 3 **Eindhoven:** AEGEE-Madrid is awarded with the Best Bulletin Award 1996. Every year 30 antennae hand in their local bulletins.
Ljubljana: Fourth skiing week in Kranjska Gora.
- 4 **Aosta Valley:** AEGEE-Torino organises a skiing week.
Szeged: FYW Training Course →
- 6 **Aalborg:** Congress on Intercultural Communication →
- 7 **Brussels:** The Network Campaign, part of the AEGEE long-term plan for 1996, starts with a bigger discussion on strategies for enlarging and deepening the network.
- 8 **Ankara:** "Understanding Europe" Symposium →
Brussels/Grenoble: The AEGEE meeting in Grenoble opens a cycle of six Internal Education events in March. →
- 9 **Leeds:** AEGEE meeting.
- 10 **Firenze:** "Monetary Union: From Myth to Reality"
- 14 **Vannes:** Congress "L'Arc Atlantique des Etudiants".
- 15 **Valencia:** AEGEE meeting.
Cagliari: Congress on "Associations and the Internet" →
- Innsbruck:** Regional Meeting
- 22 **Mainz:** Understanding Europe Symposium.
Tilburg: "Internet, a bridge too far". →
Lund: AEGEE meeting, focusing on PR and fund-raising. →
Skopje: AEGEE meeting
- 23 **Helsinki:** Skiing week in Lapland →
- 25 **Rotterdam:** "Manage to survive" →
- 27 **Brussels:** AEGEE takes part in the 9th European students fair on worldwide study possibilities. Altogether 10.000 students and representatives of 400 institutions take part.
Praha: Micro-University →
- 28 **Luxembourg:** European Finals of the European Law Moot Court competition. Moot Court was founded by AEGEE.
München: IGC conference "Nationality European".
- 29 **Maastricht:** AEGEE meeting.
- 30 **Lanzarote:** AEGEE-Las Palmas organises its fourth environmental week.
Istanbul: AEGEE-Istanbul offers an additional programme to the film festival in the Bosphorus city.

The biggest Presidents' Meeting ever AEGEE-Eindhoven breaks several records

EINDHOVEN, 1-3 "Vootch. Once again, everybody: Vootch". The President of the new AEGEE local in the Polish city Lodz did not want to sign the

Convention d'Adhesion, before every delegate in the conference hall pronounced the name of her city in the correct way: "Vooch". Lodz was only one of five "contacts", who signed the "Convention d'Adhesion" and became a local department of the AEGEE network. The other four contacts were Gießen, Split, Strasbourg and Dunaujvaros.

The most participants, the highest number of participating locals, the biggest event ever organised by AEGEE-Eindhoven: the spring Presidents' Meeting (PM) broke three records. "We are really proud that we turned this statutory meeting in a big success", says Michiel van Hees, President of AEGEE-Eindhoven. Altogether 450 students from around 100 local AEGEE departments attended the PM. "Our Technical University supported us

with money from a special fund, so we could arrange three buses for 120 students from Central and Eastern Europe - nearly for free", reports Michiel van Hees.



450 students in one hall: The lodging at the PM Eindhoven was fun for everybody.

Centrepiece of the PM was the presentation of the Moral Report of AEGEE-Europe. AEGEE's President Christoph Strohm reported on the work of the CD from November 1995 until the PM in Eindhoven. "Our biggest suc-

cesses are our participation at the EU Single Currency Round Table in Brussels and the photo exposition in Strasbourg", summarised Christoph. "Not to forget the move of the AEGEE headquarters from Delft to Brussels." Christoph Strohm stressed that AEGEE-Europe should take more action in bigger thematic projects, like organising a conference cycle around the single currency "Euro" and East-West projects like "Find Your Way", which supports and analyses the democratisation process in Central and Eastern Europe.

In several workshops new projects were discussed, like the Case Study Trip to all countries of former Yugoslavia or the network campaign for 1996.

The Presidents' Meeting introduced also a structural change, which has become standard since then: parallel sessions of plenary discussions and workshops.



Also the Comité Directeur slept in the sports gym

Taking a fresh view on current European topics

"Understanding Europe" symposia discuss euroscepticism and EU enlargement

DELFT, ANKARA, MAINZ
East and West in dialogue: the seminar series "Understanding Europe" deals with current political, cultural and social topics in Europe - not in lengthy lectures, but in fresh discussions with speakers and journalists.

The three symposia in Delft, Ankara and Mainz offered its 60 participants a platform especially for East-West communication. "Today, seven years after the fall of the iron curtain, we feel that we are sitting in the same boat in East and West, despite of the very different situations in the different regions", explains Roman Noack, main developer of Understanding Europe.

While some countries are facing losing competitiveness and increasing unemployment, in other countries poverty and the difficult transformation process to a democratic society are the main problems. Roman Noack: "Despite these differences we feel concerned about what is happening anywhere in Europe. We share a common responsibility." The three events in short:

Pessimism in Delft: The symposium in the



Refet Saban (left) and Roman Noack were among the main organisers of "Understanding Europe"

Netherlands made clear that the Union is facing serious problems and an uncertain future. Mainly students from Western Europe were invited: from the eurosceptical countries Switzerland, England and Sweden and from the Netherlands and Hungary.

Optimism in Mainz: A rather "euro-enthusiastic" atmosphere was in the air in Mainz, where an "East-West" dialogue between stu-

dents from Russia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, France and Greece took place. Roman Noack: "Many participants said that they had discovered their European identity for the first time at this symposium". The necessity of an EU enlargement was generally accepted, but there were strong differences about the enlargement of NATO. The Russians expressed their feelings of being isolated in Europe.

Turkey was in the focus of the symposium in Ankara. 30 students discussed lively the question of a future EU membership of Turkey. The Turkish participants were disappointed about the lack of a clear will of the EU to have Turkey as a member. Stu-

dents from the EU countries expressed their scepticism about the accession of the Balkan country. They demanded the democratisation of Turkey and the peaceful resolution of the internal conflicts like the Kurdish problem before the question of membership could be considered.

"Find Your Way" cycle begins in Szeged and Praha

The congress series is AEGEE's biggest project in 1996

PRAHA, 27/3 - 2/4

Prominent lecturers speaking about important subject: for their Micro-University AEGEE-Praha managed to get speakers like the former Czechoslovak Prime Minister Mr. Petr Pithard and Mr. Martin Palous, former spokesman of Charta77. At this one-week event 65 students discuss the political and cultural changes in Central and Eastern Europe (CEEC), focusing on the topics intercultural prejudices, European security policy, media development, nationalism and human rights.

The Micro-University is the second event of the event cycle "Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society". This



Kickoff start for "Find Your Way": Michiel von Hees and Frank Copier take over

conference series started with the Training Course in Szeged earlier this month. It aims at giving young people training skills for managing student NGOs like AEGEE and discussing topics of the changing CEEC. It is financed to a large extent by the Phare and Tacis Democracy Programme of the European Union. The congress cycle continues with the European School in June; five fora on topics like media and nationalism continue the series. It ends with a final conference in Budapest from 12 to 15 December.

Left alone in the middle of nowhere

Manage to survive: management and survival training

ROTTERDAM, 25-29

Being a member of AEGEE means learning co-operation and teamwork. Working on a certain project together tends to give just as much knowledge on group behaviour as on the actual topic.

To give these invisible but omnipresent structures a more understandable form, AEGEE-Rotterdam organised "Manage to Survive - Functioning of management teams". Different aspects of these objects, such as team-building, leadership, different cultures within management and conflict solving measures were dealt with.

A speaker pointed out that a reason for the increased interest in this subject in the last years is due to the flattening of organisational structures, which leads to the need of having efficient team work. Also many companies and organisations have to cope with the growing internationalisation by acquiring a broad knowledge of team-building skills.

In order to put the acquired knowledge from the first two days into practice, the participants spent another two days in the forest. Under expert guidance of two trainers, Hans Robben and John Stolk, the

group had to solve several assignments like putting up shelters, purifying water and reading maps.

"It was especially one task which transformed the group into a team", stresses Pierpaolo "Macro" Vittoria. "The second day of the outdoor experience was very interesting." He continues: "The groups had to get over a tree which was horizontally put on two

other trees at a height of approximately two meters." The groups were not allowed to touch either of the trees. Pierpaolo: "At first all the participants thought that their team leaders had become nuts, but after thinking it through, they found a solution." Everybody in the groups managed to get over the trees, but more important: they became a team.



Finally some food: the outdoor experience created team-spirit.

The strange mystery of the Chinese gifts

A seminar in Aalborg showed how to understand cultural differences

AALBORG, 6-10

Why do Chinese not unwrap their gifts when they get them? And why are Eskimo women happy, if their sons throw stones at them? These are a few of the questions discussed during the congress "Intercultural communication". 30 students encountered cultural differences in theory and practice. "In AEGEE we believe that we are really good at communicating", says Jacob Bülow Sørensen from AEGEE-Aalborg. "We organised our congress to see whether our skills are really so good."

In role games the participants tried to solve communication problems: Like in a flirt situation, which failed, because the bodies expressed the opposite of what the persons said - the arms of the couple were not their own ones; as they were played by two other persons. Jacob Bülow Sørensen: "Communication is more than a mere exchange of information - it requires patience and the ability to understand how the other one feels." This ability depends very much on the cultural background. The more different this cultural background is, the more difficult is communication

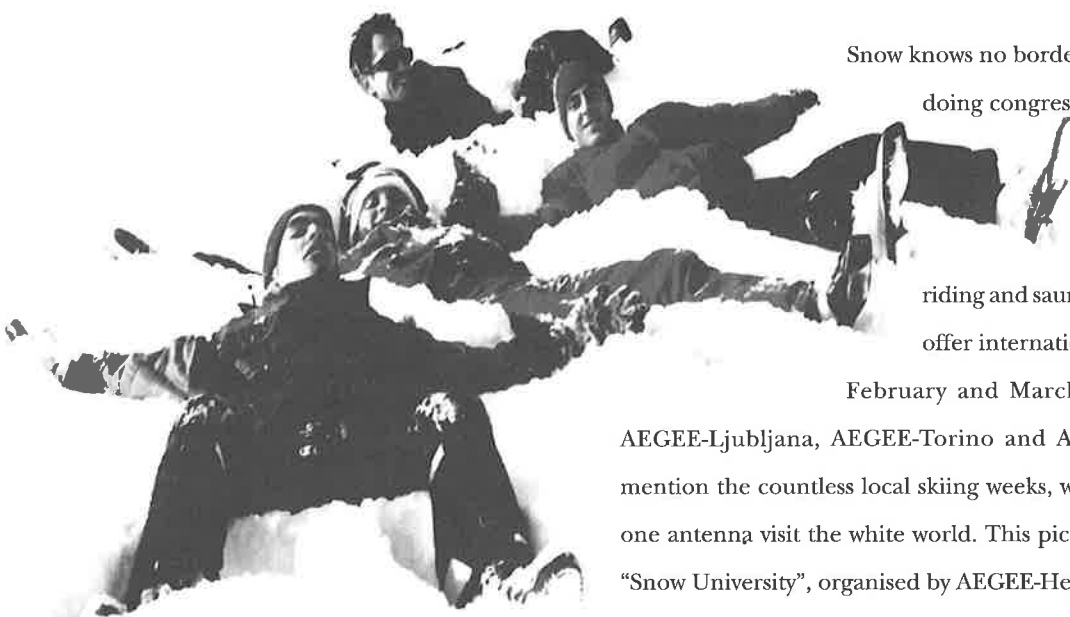
between them. Jacob: "Languages do not have to be the limit, as a large part of interpersonal communication is body language".

These experiences can be used in business. Susan Vonsild, a consultant, reported in a lecture on her experience as advisor of foreign businessmen working for multinational enterprises. How can these companies solve troubles among their colleagues, when they have different cultural backgrounds? This was shown by some simulation games, where the participants imagined that they were the head of the company.

In his speech on the concept of culture Hans Gullestrup, professor from Aalborg, revealed the answers to the initial questions: Chinese do not unwrap their presents due to politeness. It could happen that the receiver does not like the present - he wants to save the person who gave him the present from seeing this disappointment. And the Eskimo mother is proud, when her little son is throwing a stone at her, because her son has got his own personality - which is very important to survive in the arctic.



Snow knows no borders!



Snow knows no borders: AEGEE is not only doing congresses and Summer Universities. AEGEE offers also fun in the snow, with skiing, skating, sleigh-riding and sauna. Every year several locals offer international skiing weeks in

February and March, like AEGEE-Helsinki, AEGEE-Ljubljana, AEGEE-Torino and AEGEE-Grenoble. Not to mention the countless local skiing weeks, where just the members of one antenna visit the white world. This picture was taken during the "Snow University", organised by AEGEE-Helsinki.

Six times learning about AEGEE

AEGEE meetings bring people of different regions together

Twice Internet within one week

Cagliari and Tilburg explore communication

CAGLIARI/TILBURG, 15-23 Internet twice within one week: Both AEGEE-Cagliari and AEGEE-Tilburg organise three-day seminars on the Internet in the second half of March: "The net and associations" in Cagliari and "Internet - A bridge too far?" in Tilburg reflect the fact that the Internet is the fastest growing media of the past years. Whereas the event in Sardinia examined the effect of the Internet on students associations and discussed legal questions, the event in the Netherlands focused on technical matters and the increasing information gap between people, who have access to information and people, who are excluded. "It was the first event AEGEE-Cagliari organised and therefore a great experience", concludes Enrico Lai, one of the main organisers. "With this event we became a real antenna and we gained a lot of useful experience for organising our Summer University."

LUND, 22-24

What should I say on the telephone to a prospective sponsor? How can I present AEGEE in a short and pithy way? These and other frequently asked questions were discussed at an AEGEE meeting in the Swedish city Lund.

The event in Sweden's biggest local was only one of six AEGEE meetings that took place in March 1996 as part of AEGEE-Europe's Network Campaign. The other AEGEE meetings were organised in Grenoble, Leeds, Valencia, Skopje and Maastricht.

"AEGEE meetings are for all those members who want to learn more about our association on local level, who want to discuss new ideas, new projects but also their problems", explains Mirjam Robles, CD member and co-ordinator of the meetings. "These events are the best place to meet people from other antennae in the area." Some AEGEE meetings focus on specific aspects. The meeting in Leeds discussed strategies how to improve the network in the UK, where students are not so interested in Europe as in other regions.

"The main problem of the locals in the United Kingdom is finding British students who are interested in joining AEGEE. Most members in the UK are Erasmus students staying there for one year or six months", reveals Mirjam Robles.

AEGEE-Lund decided to arrange an AEGEE meeting with the subtitle "Promoting and selling the name of AEGEE". Different professionals - a publicity expert, a

copywriter and a salesman - introduced the attending students into their respective fields.

In order to do a successful marketing one is well off by learning the "marketing language". This means having a clear definition of AEGEE and thinking of AEGEE as something that is offered to the sponsor or members, instead of thinking what we can gain from them.

Another keyword is creativity. "Do something different than everybody else, use a special colour, size or material for the next poster", advises Kristina Lindgärde from AEGEE-Lund. On the other hand it is important to always use the same colour and letterfont in order to create a uniform profile.

The participants of the meeting in Lund were also reminded of the importance of having a journalistic touch when writing leaflets or articles. Kristina Lindgärde: "Use catchy phrases, and put the most important information first in the text. Don't forget the short introduction in the beginning, which makes it easier for a reader to get a quick information."

The AEGEE-meeting in Sweden ended with a competition where the participants put the acquired knowledge from the previous lectures and workshops into practice. Two teams composed a PR-campaign, including a time schedule and a poster, while the others prepared a fund-raising campaign, including a time schedule and a sponsoring letter.



APRIL

- 5 **Lviv:** AEGEE-Lviv invites to a three-day congress in the West-Ukrainian city about: "Ukraine and Europe: New Reality".
- 11 **Aachen:** Philipp von Klitzing announces the creation of a new AEGEE database via the Lotus Notes system. This new system enables to make a more efficient use of data management via World Wide Web. (→ August)
- Warszawa:** The congress "Direction Europe! Enlargement of the EU", is one of the highlights of AEGEE's series about the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC).
- 12 **Perugia:** "Play Your Dreams" is the name of an international concert festival, organised by AEGEE-Perugia. It lasts three days. A Slovenian group of AEGEE members wins the first prize.
- 16 **Brussels:** Árpád Göncz, President of Hungary, agrees on becoming patron of AEGEE-Europe. (→ July)
- 17 **Delft/Istanbul:** Should AEGEE support the protest of Turkish students, who rally against the 300 percent increase in Turkish study fees? This is topic of a discussion promoted by the Education Working Group.
- 19 **Valladolid:** The spring Agora of AEGEE takes place in Castilia. 400 students attend this general assembly. →
- 20 **Berlin:** A French-German seminar in the German capital lasts one week.
- 21 **Valladolid:** Former CD member Philipp von Klitzing becomes 7th Honorary Member of AEGEE. →
Valladolid: The new AEGEE yearbook "Key to Europe 95/96" is distributed at the Agora.
Valladolid: "Song for Europe" is the title of an initiative of AEGEE-Karlsruhe. Aim is to record an AEGEE song with lyrics in many languages. At the Agora the song is presented for the first time. (May →)
- 25 **Roma:** The Summer University Coordination introduces the "last minute call" for students, who want to take part in a Summer University, but did not get a place in first instance.
- 26 **Kyiv:** AEGEE-Kyiv commemorates the accident in the Chernobyl nuclear power plant 10 years ago.
Dunaujvaros: The three-day event "Student, traditions and play" is organised by the Hungarian local AEGEE-Dunaujvaros.
Strasbourg: The Education Working Group (EWG) holds a meeting in Strasbourg and visits the Council of Europe.

Few proposals under the Castilian sun Agora in Valladolid: Bigger changes in the European board

VALLADOLID, 19-21

The delegates at the Agora in Valladolid talked more about persons than about contents: most members of the European board (CD) quitted their job. Eight new people joined the CD, which has now 11 members. After AEGEE-Europe's President Christoph Strohm, who announced his resignation earlier this month, also Treasurer Edwin Janssen declares that he does not stand for another half-year period. Jordi Capdevila from AEGEE-Barcelona was elected new President.

Usually the members of the European board are elected for one year. Most of them, however, stay only for half a year - mainly due to their studies. Some CD members work more than 10 hours per day for AEGEE without any payment. Still every year new motivated students join the CD. The Agora was held for the first time in Valladolid. Cuca Medrano Martin and her team succeeded well in making the 400 participants feel comfortable in Castilia. Most of the participants were lodged in three- and four-star-hotels, and the Spanish food and parties contributed to the pleasant atmosphere.

Relatively few proposals were presented. The Agora accepted the Yearplan and the Long Term Plan for 1997. The Yearplan consists of four topics: "Neighbourhood in



Democracy at work: voting at the Agora

Europe - Cross-border co-operation", "Student mobility", the EMU campaign "Europe and Euro" and the project "Building a future society". As new topic for the Long Term Programme 'Europe in a global perspective' was introduced for 1999. This topic shall examine the role and place of Europe at the edge of the millennium. Also accepted were the rules for Case Study Trips and for a reduction of the members commission from 12 to 8 members. The proposal on changing the system of fees for Agoras and PMs however failed. The moral report and the financial report of the CD were both accepted with two-third majorities. Also the budget for 1996 was accepted. Finally Philipp von Klitzing was elected Honorary Member due to his outstanding achievements for AEGEE.

The new CD

President
Secretary
Financial matters
Financial matters
Vice-pres. PTDP/CST
Vice-pres. EU
Vice-pres. Network
Education
Internal Education
Public Relations
WGs/Projects

Jordi Capdevila
 Giacomo Marini
 Linda Geux
 Nathanja van Beem
 David Stulik
 Antonio Lopez
 Gerhard Kreß
 Alex Ootes
 Minna Autio
 Roman Noack
 Gunnar Erth

The new Comité Directeur consists of 11 members. It is the smallest European board in the history of AEGEE. President Jordi Capdevila from AEGEE-Barcelona has been in the CD since November 1995. He was previously responsible for external relations. Being member of AEGEE since 1992, he has organised among others the Presidents' Meeting in Barcelona in September 1995.

Philipp von Klitzing becomes honorary member

The former CD member is the seventh person that is attributed the title



VALLADOLID, 21

His record is still unbeaten: Only four months after he became AEGEE member in 1993, Philipp von Klitzing joined the CD. In the past three years the student from

Aachen helped shaping AEGEE to what it is today. Therefore on the last day of the Agora in Valladolid Philipp von Klitzing was elected honorary member of AEGEE. 128 delegates voted in favour, 25 against and 31 abstentions were counted. There are six honorary members and one honorary president.

Franck Biancheri, born in 1961, founded AEGEE in 1985 and was President of the association until 1988. He is honorary president and works currently as Euro-consultant.

Vittorio Dell'Aquila was CD member in 1991 and Summer University co-ordinator from 1991 to 1994. The multi-language talent became honorary member due to his work in the Summer University co-ordination.

Jeroen Hoogerwerf, born in 1969, was President of AEGEE-Amsterdam, chairman of the Agora in 1991/92 and President of

AEGEE-Europe in 1992/93.

Zsuzsa Kigyós, born in 1971, co-founded AEGEE-Budapest in 1991. She was CD member from 1992 to 1994 and in this period first female President of AEGEE-Europe in 1993/94.

Michael Merker, born in 1967, founded AEGEE-Leipzig, the first local in Central and Eastern Europe. He was CD member from 1990 to 1992 and chairman of the Agora in 1994/95.

Georg von der Gablentz was President of AEGEE-Europe from 1990 to 1992. He was President of the so called "Quo Vadis" list, which opened AEGEE to Central and Eastern Europe.

"Enthusiasm is our weapon"

AEGEE-Warszawa: The most active local in 1996

WARSZAWA, 11-14

"Enthusiasm is our weapon. It enables us to fight any obstacle." Marcin Polak, Vice-president of AEGEE-Warszawa is happy that AEGEE-Warszawa managed this fight better than any other AEGEE local in 1996. "We are number one. And we are proud of it." In 1996 AEGEE-Warszawa organised two international congresses, one Summer University and was involved in several other local and regional events.

In mid-April AEGEE-Warszawa invited to "Direction Europe!". For most of the 100 participants from 12 European countries there was no doubt, where the future of countries like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic lies: A fast integration in the European Union in the year 2000 is the best chance - even if the transitional phase will be painful. AEGEE-Warszawa organised the congress within the frame of the "AEGEE and IGC" cycle. The congress was entirely devoted to the topic enlargement of the EU. Aside from "Direction Europe!" the students from Poland's capital organised the international forum "Intercultural prejudices and stereotypes", taking place from 24 to 27 October. This event was part of the "Find Your Way" conference series. "The role of AEGEE in overcoming intercultural stereotypes has not been treated at any recent AEGEE event", states forum organiser Ola Lazar. "The participants, coming from more than 10 countries, enabled us to have a more

complex view on the questions related to stereotypes." The organisers invited sociologists and historians, a business researcher from Young&Rubicam and students from other student organisations (ELSA, BEST and AIESEC).

Together with AIESEC AEGEE-Warszawa co-organised the "Eurobus" days in Warszawa. "Cooperating with other students' organisations can bring us a lot of advantages", explains Marcin. "We can learn a lot from each other and we don't have to bother that we could lose a kind of AEGEE identity." AEGEE-Warszawa became also an advisory centre for AEGEE locals in Poland. Marcin Polak: "We helped to establish several AEGEE branches in the region and organised two AEGEE meetings with two-day training in everyday business in our association's life." Not to forget the countless local activities in the 1991 founded AEGEE local which counts 200 members. Several members of AEGEE-Warszawa joined the European board of AEGEE, like Michal Rudziecki and David Stulik in 1995/96.

The speciality of AEGEE-Warszawa is publishing. Since 1995 AEGEE-Warszawa is editing the NewsBulletin, the biggest regular Europe-wide magazine in AEGEE. In 1996

POLISH SECRET SERVICE

Name: AEGEE-Warszawa

Members: 200

Age: 6 years

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REPORT: Observed antenna is very active,
organising many "events",
members travel often abroad,
No.1 in AEGEE network

CLASSIFICATION: VERY DANGEROUS

Warszawa, 31 December 1996

the Eurotoman was created, a Polish AEGEE magazine with 10.000 copies per month.

For 1997 AEGEE-Warszawa has even bigger plans than for 1996. The local is involved in the co-ordination of AEGEE's most ambitious conference cycle "Neighbourhood in Europe", with the concluding event taking place in Poland's capital. In March 1997 AEGEE-Warszawa organises the "Presidents' Meeting Plus", combining a statutory meeting plus two conferences with altogether 600 participants. "Doing AEGEE in Warszawa is fun", concludes Marcin Polak. "We need only one idea, and the motivation towards planning next projects rises immediately."



MAY

- 1 **Brussels:** Only two weeks after the Agora in Valladolid with nearly 400 participants a discussion arises about the optimum size of statutory meetings. Many critics say that the size of these meetings should be reduced.
Delft: About 300 students take part in the congress "Transport, what are the limits?" →
- 6 **Aachen:** Philipp von Klitzing reports about the "Infomobil" of the European Union, which is informing at 45 German universities about study possibilities abroad. Several AEGEE locals use the opportunity to make PR for AEGEE in combination with the Infomobil stands.
- 9 **Maastricht:** The congress "A step towards Europe's future" concludes AEGEE's event cycle about the Intergovernmental Conference IGC. →
- 10 **Ankara:** Environmental meeting in Ankara as preparation for the UN's "Habitat II" conference on human settlements which takes place in Istanbul.
- 11 **Brussels:** AEGEE-Europe Vice-president David Stulik proposes to support the democratic forces in the near Russian presidential election with an AEGEE declaration.
- 13 **Berlin:** The future of aircraft and space research is topic of a workshop programme, which Daimler-Benz Aerospace (DASA), AEGEE-Berlin, AEGEE-München and several other students associations organise at the "Internationale Luft- und Raumfahrt Ausstellung '96" (International Aircraft and Aerospace Exhibition).
- 17 **Passau:** The consequences of the collapse of communism in Central Europe are topic of the congress "Rebirth of a continent". →
- 19 **Passau:** East-West Working Group (EWWG) Meeting.
- 20 **Romania/Moldavia.** As part of AEGEE's network campaign CD member Gerhard Krefß and East-West Working Group members go on a tour through Romania and Moldavia. (→ June).
- 23 **Udine:** The AEGEE Human Rights Working Group and AEGEE-Udine invite to the conference "Human Rights conflict in the countries of Former Yugoslavia". →
- 25 **Udine:** Human Rights Working Group (HRWG) Meeting.
- 30 **Karlsruhe:** 60 European students are getting "Fit for Europe". →

Peaceful meeting on neutral ground

Nine students from Bosnia at Human Rights congress in Udine

UDINE, 23-29

For some of them it was not only the first time abroad since 1992. It was also the beginning of a free future, a chance to meet students from other parts of former Yugoslavia and several European countries. Nine students from Bosnia were among the 70 participants of the congress "Human Rights Conflict in the Countries Of Former Yugoslavia: Towards a Better Future?". AEGEE-Udine and the Human Rights Working Group (HRWG) organised the event together.

"The fragmentation of Yugoslavia has been characterised by a strong ethnic struggle", explains Silvia Collaoni, President of AEGEE-Udine. "The multiethnicity became the source of violence and intolerance. Understanding its various consequences has been difficult." The congress examined the social implications of the war, focusing on the violation of human rights. "Udine was a perfect place for this event, because this city in North Eastern Italy has always been close to Yugoslavia", explains Linda Baan, organiser from the HRWG. Students from all five successor states could meet there on "neutral ground".



Russian IFOR soldiers in Sarajevo

For the congress the organisers obtained the financial support of the Council of Europe, Youth For Europe (EU) and the University of Udine. No other AEGEE event received the support of the two main institutions in Europe.

Amnesty International, NATO and NGOs such as the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights sent speakers and workshop leaders. They focused on the right of nations and national minorities to self-determination and the conditions for peaceful coexistence: peace declarations are not enough to assure the rebuilding of a civil society. The five students from AEGEE-Sarajevo gave dramatic evidence of the horror they experienced by presenting photos and video-tapes of the war.

"At least as important as the actual programme was the simple presence of all participants from former Yugoslavia", says Linda Baan. "It was great to see how easily the students from the former enemy countries talked with each other."



The destroyed National Library in Bosnia's capital Sarajevo

Discussion about the EU returns to Maastricht

In the Limburgian capital the Intergovernmental Conference was analysed

MAASTRICHT, 9-11

Would the young people in Poland welcome an enlargement of the European Union? How can the agricultural policy of the EU be reformed? These questions were raised in Maastricht, at the final conference of AEGEE's accompanying congress series to the EU's Intergovernmental Conference (IGC). This meeting was a sum up of five events, which all dealt with different aspects of the Maastricht Treaty. 200 students from Amsterdam to Ankara took part.

"Where else than in Maastricht should the consequences of the Maastricht Treaty be discussed?", asks Marijke Moed, President of AEGEE-Maastricht. The year 1996 marks the start of the IGC, where the heads of the EU member states meet to revise the Maastricht Treaty. They will decide upon the direction for the major issues in European politics.

An AEGEE congress in Firenze in March focused on the future Economic and Monetary Union and its consequences for the member states of the EU. The congress in Warszawa in April dealt with the problems that an EU enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe might cause.

In addition three "Understanding Europe" events took place in Delft, Ankara and



Look at the top: Maastricht became a symbol for a hopefully better Europe.

Mainz, discussing current European topics, such as Turkey's EU membership and the euroscepticism of some western countries. At the final conference in Maastricht the results were in lectures and workshops further elaborated. One day was reserved for a role-playing game, in which groups of 15 students played EU Council and discussed

the topics enlargement and deepening of the Union. "Finding a compromise is very difficult, when an unanimous agreement has to be reached", explains Marijke Moed. The event was rounded-up with a reception at the Limburg Government Residence, where the Maastricht Treaty of 1992 was signed.

"What do you prefer? Massage or face relaxing?"

50 students became "fit for Europe" in Karlsruhe

KARLSRUHE, 30/5 - 2/6

What do you prefer? Massage or face relaxing?" This was one of the questions the participants had to answer at the registration of the congress "Fit for Europe" in Karlsruhe

in May 1996. About fifty AEGEE-members from all over Europe took interest in their bodies and finally in themselves, because the workshops and lectures dealt with Chinese medicine, relaxing methods and little-

known sports events. As a consequence everybody did a lot of sports during these days.

"Everyone in this group was great because all of them were very enthusiastic and took part in all the activities", says Peter Ginser, President of AEGEE-Karlsruhe. "They even did Aerobics at eight o'clock in the morning." Besides the workshops the organisers around Heiner Kusenberg invited the German sports coach Ralph Mouchbahani to speak about the life of a top athlete, whereas Mr. Steiner, a professor at Karlsruhe university, discussed the subject "sports and health". Other activities such as a pub crawl and a European night have been part of the congress, too.

Additionally, a sports performance with several university sport groups took place. The programme included a wide range of performances, from Aikido, an Asian combat sport, via doing gymnastics to acrobatic. "It was a hard job for the organisers but the people who came have been worth doing it", concludes Peter Ginser. "We hope to see everybody again at our next event in Karlsruhe."



Fit already in the morning: the participants of the congress in Karlsruhe.

"The biggest limit is our imagination"

The perspectives of transport

DELFT, 1-3

The past decades have shown a great increase in mobility. The volumes of both passenger and freight transport have grown tremendously. The congress "Transport, what are the limits?" examined this mobility increase. It was organised by AEGEE-Delft in co-operation with IACES-Delft (International Association of Civil Engineering Students) and EuroAvia-Delft (European association of aerospace engineering students) and hosted 300 students and professionals. "We discussed how the increasing demand for transport is possible to meet without endangering the environment and quality of life", says Vincent van Dijk, President of AEGEE-Delft.

"The car is an historical accident", said a speaker from the Club of Rome in his lecture. Not every speaker was that pessimistic. The first day of the conference gave an overview of various developments in transport. Technology has improved the quality of transport in terms of speed, safety and reliability. Transport has become more accessible and transportation costs have diminished. Furthermore social changes and economic development have contributed to alternations in travel behaviour and freight logistics. For instance suburbanisation, increased holiday travelling and well as the globalisation of trade and industry have led to more demand for transport.

The participants were given the opportunity to deal with the practical limits of transport during the workshops hosted by the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of the Environment, the Netherlands Railways or Rotterdam Airport. The final conference day gave "Views towards the future" of transport. Also here the organisers around Raoul Smit

managed to get a big number of excellent speakers. One speaker even came from Calgary.

The answer to the question whether there are limits to transport depends on the value one appoints to properties like environmental care, liveability and economic development. At least for the cabaret performance by "Abra-cadabaret" and the concert by "Misty Moon" at the European Night there were no limits. Or, as one speaker expressed: "The biggest limit is our imagination."



Rebirth of a continent

AEGEE-Passau examined the revolutions of 1989

PASSAU, 17-19

The year 1989 changed the face of Europe. What were the reasons for the revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe (CEEC)? How does the future look like for these countries? The congress "Rebirth of a continent" in Passau tried to give answers. 60 students from twelve different countries made their way to the Bavarian city - among them several non-AEGEE members, who founded locals in their city afterwards, like for example in Hannover. "I am not a hero", stressed lecturer Mr. Bartucka, who was actively involved in the revolution in Czechoslovakia. Most of the revolutions were neither planned nor predicted. To become a revolutionary was often only a matter of coincidence. "The courage of the protesters should however not be underestimated", says Kai Wynands, main organiser of the congress. "In summer 1989, only months before the uprising against the communist regime in China had been suppressed by the government with force." The membership in NATO is highly desired by all peoples in East-Central Europe. "The fear of a possible security-vacuum is one of the reasons for East-Central Europeans to regard NATO-membership even higher than EU-

membership", says Mr. Jacek Rosa, second secretary of the Polish embassy in Germany. NATO-membership is moreover believed to guarantee the certainty necessary for further economic development of that region. Regarding the position of Russia the speakers demonstrated optimism.

Concerning the extension of the European Union the advantages to all members of the

Union were stressed. "The competitiveness of the Union would rise due to the supply of cheap labour in the new member states", stressed Jacek Rosa. "A bigger domestic market would provide the Union with a strong basis facing competition from the successor states of the

Soviet Union and America."

"The congress 'Rebirth of a Continent' was important because in some countries the reappraisal of Europe's most recent history is a taboo", regrets Kai Wynands. In others this question is tackled but the creation of myths and the complexity of the task impose problems.

"The lecturers were absolutely fantastic", says Monika Tanglova, President of AEGEE-Praha. During the event AEGEE-Passau and AEGEE-Praha became partner locals. The contract was signed in an official ceremony in the university of Passau. Monika Tanglova concludes: "German-Czech friendship is something absolutely normal for us in AEGEE."



A light in Moskva gives hope for the future.

Key to Europe on CD



KARLSRUHE/RAVENSBURG, 10 AEGEE-Karlsruhe is looking for singers to record an AEGEE song. "We had the idea already in 1995", explains Lars Mehrmann from AEGEE-Karlsruhe. After writing the lyrics AEGEE-Karlsruhe contacted Mr. Bitzenhofer, a music producer who composed and arranged

the song. Already at the Agora in Valladolid the rough version of the song "Key to Europe" was presented. In August 1996 the song was finally recorded in a studio in Ravensburg. Ten singers performed the song with everybody singing some solo parts. Lars: "It took us more than six hours to record the vocals only."



JUNE

- 1 **Istanbul:** Habitat II, the UN conference on human settlements, starts in Istanbul. AEGEE-Istanbul represents AEGEE-Europe with a workshop on student accommodation. →
- 2 **All over Europe:** From 2 June until 4 October 70 Summer Universities take place with more than 2000 participants. **Wien:** Summer University (SU) on Europe's changes after 1989.
- 4 **Bologna:** The mobility of neo-graduates in the EU is topic of a seminar.
- 5 **Delft:** The CD proposes structural reforms in AEGEE. It proposes a reduction of CD members and the size of statutory meetings. These changes are designed to make AEGEE more effective. A third proposal aims at introducing voting rights for Working Groups at statutory meetings.
- 6 **Hamburg:** The congress "Entering the Maritime Millennium" hosts more than 150 participants. Among the speakers is Thor Heyerdahl. →
- 9 **Adana:** SU Turkish language
- 14 **Brussels:** Meeting of the Education Working Group (EWG).
- 15 **Gießen:** Regional Meeting.
- 17 **Grenoble:** SU French language
- 21 **Strasbourg:** Congress "Music and Nature".
- 22 **Maastricht:** The new edition of the AEGEE AddressBook is ready for distribution. Due to the growth of the network the number of pages increased from 56 to 72 since the January edition. **Saarbrücken and Alsace mountains:** Gruselwochenende (spooky weekend) of AEGEE-Saarbrücken.
- 24 **Augsburg:** Kim Hendess, Canadian exchange student in Augsburg, starts a discussion about the borders of AEGEE. In her opinion the basic concept of AEGEE - inter-cultural communication - should not stop at the borders of Europe: "After returning home to Canada I will found a similar organisation in Vancouver." The first event - a Summer University in Canada - is planned for 1998. **Göttingen:** Rhetoric seminar.
- 28 **Brabant:** Travelling Summer University (TSU) cycles through Brabant. **Passau:** Meeting of the Europe-of-the-Regions Working Group (EoRWG).
- 30 **Gliwice:** European School. AEGEE's main training event is part of the "Find Your Way" programme. **Maribor:** SU Slovenian culture **Milano:** SU Italian language **Rennes:** SU French language

"Saving the oceans is the biggest challenge"

Thor Heyerdahl was speaker at conference in Hamburg

HAMBURG, 6-9

"Saving the oceans is the big challenge of the next millennium". The Norwegian scientist and explorer Thor Heyerdahl is still striving for a better environment. The now 81-year-old scientist was the most prominent speaker at the congress "Entering the maritime millennium", which was organised by AEGEE-Hamburg. The event dealt with the protection and use of the sea. More than 150 students were interested in lectures and workshops on topics like pollution, sea legislation and fishing industry. "Hamburg has a long hanseatic tradition and is the second biggest harbour in Europe", says congress organiser Jens Affeld proudly. "Therefore Hamburg is the perfect place for this congress." Also the persons he approached for patronage agree. "We could win next to internationally well-known speakers also the patronage of people like the former chancellor Helmut Schmidt." The participants did not have to sit all the time in the lecture halls. Visits to a wharf or a trip on a ship which cleans the water surface from oil belonged to the programme. "Highlight of our event was for



Explorer at the beach: Thor Heyerdahl and his wife.

sure the two-day excursion to Sweden", tells Jens Affeld. The participants went to Malmö via ferry and visited the World Maritime University. Jens: "We succeeded in getting the sponsorship of the TT ferry line, who offered us this trip nearly for free."

Call for better student accommodation

AEGEE-Istanbul took part in UN-Congress Habitat II

ISTANBUL, 1

Habitat II, the UN conference on human settlements, starts in Istanbul. AEGEE-Istanbul represents AEGEE with a workshop on "student accommodation" on an NGO forum within the Habitat congress. "The governments are not that willing to solve the problems of life quality", regrets Alper Akyuz from AEGEE-Istanbul. "So the UN included NGOs, business sector and local authorities for the Habitat conference." Members of AEGEE-Istanbul attended several meetings, especially within Youth for Habitat and a

youth caucus, where many different youth NGOs came together. "Students need an adequate physical and social environment", demanded Alper in the AEGEE presentation. "They need free accommodation facilities." Better environmentally viable and healthier settlements should be created with facilities of culture and sports - and they should give the opportunity of privacy. "We need a European type of campus, which brings a better interaction between city and university - and thus a richness to the city life."

"The pan-European network is the biggest strength of AEGEE"

AEGEE is present in 38 countries - Network is nearly evenly spread across Europe

BRUSSELS, 24
The pan-European network is the biggest strength of AEGEE. 211 AEGEE branches exist in 38 countries. It was not always like this. In the first years of its existence AEGEE was an organisation which was based mostly in Germany, France and the Netherlands. In 1988 AEGEE existed only in nine countries.

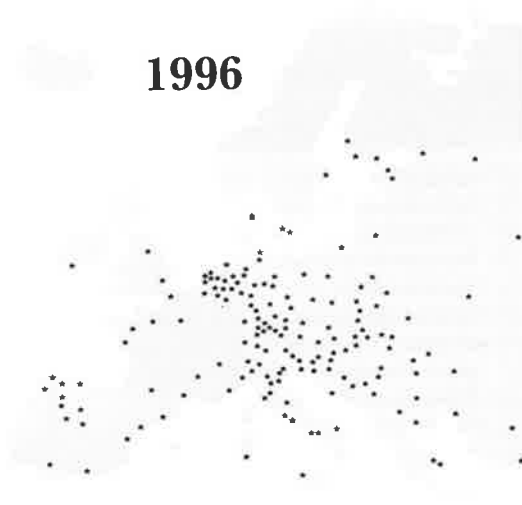
This situation was very unsatisfactory and AEGEE started to undertake many efforts to enlarge the network to other areas in

Europe. After the foundation of locals in the EFTA countries in the late 1980s, AEGEE opened itself for locals from Central and Eastern Europe in 1990. Suddenly locals from many new countries joined the network. The network grew more and more towards the east and this trend has not yet stopped. It helps AEGEE very well to balance its structure better and to overcome the dominance of a single nationality in the network.

Today AEGEE has more than 150 locals and 60 contacts and the distribution of locals has



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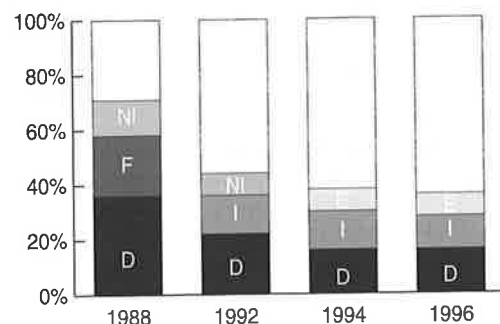


1996

Go East: The map shows the contact antennae and antennae in 1991 and 1996.

became more evenly spread across Europe. There is now hardly any spot in Europe where AEGEE is not represented. "Now AEGEE wants to steer its growth a bit better and puts emphasis on the weak areas of the network, especially in Great Britain, but also in the Baltic countries", says CD member Gerhard Krefß.

The next challenge for AEGEE will not be mere growth, but also to use this growth to strengthen the association. This is a chance for AEGEE to become more active and to work stronger thematically.



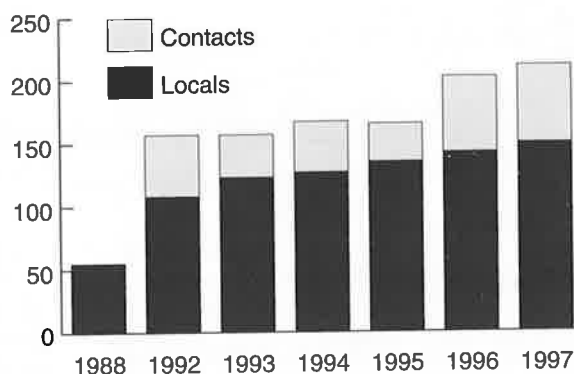
Network more balanced: the share of the three countries with the most locals goes down

30 new contacts - Network campaign of 1996 a success

Several new locals signed already the "Convention d'Adhesion" and organise events

BRUSSELS, 24
30 new contacts in one year: The "network campaign" is a major success for AEGEE in 1996. Extending the network is one of the AEGEE yearplan topics. Gerhard Krefß, network responsible of the Comité Directeur, is in charge of carrying the campaign out.

"We take all sorts of measures to involve more young people in the work of AEGEE, especially in areas where AEGEE has not been represented before", explains Gerhard. He undertook network tours like the trip to Romania and Moldavia (see next page). Another effective means is the Internet. News about coming AEGEE events are spread via listservers, newsgroups and World Wide Web. Gerhard: "Many people



Growth in 1996: After four years of stagnation the network grows again.

joined a congress and created a local afterwards in their city."

Aside from the 30 new contacts seven existing contacts signed the Convention d'Adhesion in 1996 and became full

members of the network. "Five other contacts, which were created in 1996 will sign the Convention d'Adhesion at the Presidents' Meeting in March 1997", reports Gerhard Krefß.

AEGEE also works on encouraging existing locals to become more active. A successful step was the introduction of regional meetings, where locals from one region exchange their experiences in the field of fund-raising or PR with each other. In the end of the year AEGEE-Europe starts an internal

education project called "Learn your AEGEE". This project consists of a variety of training events, like training courses and two intensive European Schools.

Your team member, the European

European School: 45 participants acquired skills and knowledge

GLIWICE, 30/6-7/7

Working in AEGEE requires a good knowledge of the structure of the association. It also demands special capabilities needed for tasks like PR and fund-raising. The European School (ES) is the main internal training event of AEGEE, where the participants can acquire these practical skills and background knowledge. Just like the 45 participants of the European School 1996, which was organised by AEGEE-Gliwice/Zabrze in co-operation with AEGEE-Europe. The event was part of the "Find Your Way" programme.

Core piece of the European School was a simulation game, in which the students had to organise a fictive congress. Eight teams consisted of five people, coming from five different countries. They had to fulfil certain assignments such as writing a budget or writing press releases. Everybody could prove his in lectures and workshops acquired new skills. "In the assignments on making PR for their conference the teams should use all their creativity", gives main organiser Mirjam Robles an example. "I was really surprised by their artistic posters."

Writing press releases, making speeches, solving communication problems in international teams: the teachers demanded a lot - and were proud of their participants. "When someone complained, we increased the pressure - and everybody managed to stand this pressure", explains co-organiser Jeroen van Eik. Spare time was an exception during the week -



What will the participants get for breakfast? Who will be the best speaker? In the case-game the participants had to organise a fictive congress.

the European School took place in an isolated hotel on the countryside, with up to ten hours of lectures and workshops per day. The organisers invited mainly members of the European board and other experienced AEGEE members as tutors and workshop leaders.

The participants did not only learn a lot about AEGEE, they also gained experience in working in international teams. Mirjam Robles: "They acquired more insight in the way of thinking and working of their team members."

Faster than the politicians

Czech-German friendship - for AEGEE reality

GLIWICE, 30

"Cze-czy! Cze-czy!" David Stulik gave his team as much oral support as possible. Of course the Czech football team could not hear him, they played at the same time 1500 kilometres away in the Wembley Stadium in London. David and his Czech friends at the European School in Gliwice were proud of the Czech team, who had reached the final against Germany.

The TV room became stage for joy and despair - and lots of fun. German and Czech students watched the match together. Not a trace of the difficult relationship between the two neighbours, which had been media topic throughout the year. "We don't need official friendship declarations of the two states", said



Dressed in flag: David Stulik

Monika Tanglova, President of AEGEE-Praha. "We are simply friends." And after the match Germans, Czechs and all the other participants of the European School celebrated together the winner, loser and themselves.

Nine cities in two weeks

Network team in Romania and Moldavia

TIMISOARA, 3

Nine cities in two weeks: CD member Gerhard Kreß and two members of the East-West Working Group (EWWG) return from a 11-day car trip through Romania and Moldavia. This trip is a corner stone of AEGEE's network campaign throughout 1996.

"We visited all existing locals and contacts in the two countries", explains Markus Schönherr (EWWG). "Our aim was to help these new locals to gain members." Moreover, they informed AEGEE-Europe about the situation of the locals in this area.

Starting point of the tour was Timisoara, then the three visited Craiova, Brasov, Iasi, Chisinau, Targu Mures. Finally the tour ended after two weeks in Cluj Napoca. "It was interesting to talk with the students about their needs and problems - because everywhere you have a different situation", explains Monika Meinke (EWWG).

Nearly every day the three travellers had a presentation of AEGEE with another kind of audience. One of the most impressive days was the trip to the self-declared Republic of Transnistria.

The trip itself was extremely successful. Some months later five of the new contacts signed the Convention d'Adhesion and became full members of the AEGEE network. "The good thing is that these locals want to be active members of the network", knows Markus Schönherr. "Some of them want to organise one or more events in 1997 and are involved in the bigger projects of AEGEE-Europe."

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JULY

Difficult neighbours on the Balkan

Walking on the Via Egnatia from Skopje to Istanbul

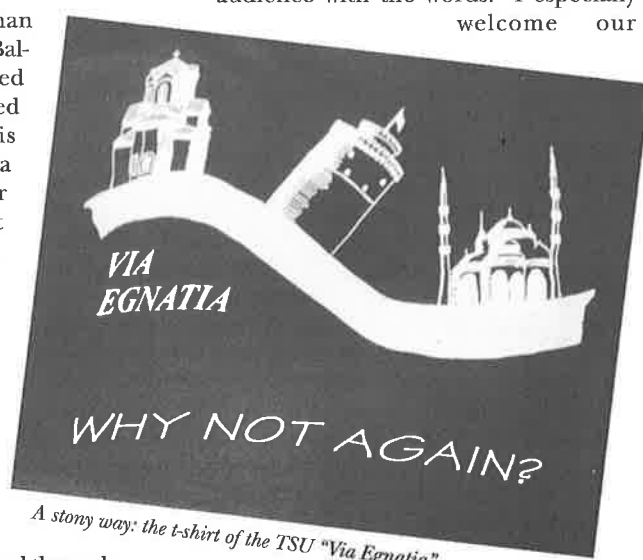
- 1 **Kaunas:** Children camps in Lithuania →
Tuzla: AEGEE-Delft gives computer courses in Tuzla in July and August →
Ankara: SU Anatolian Culture
München: SU German language
Enschede/Leiden: SU International law
Paris: SU French language
Toulouse: SU Sport
- 4 **Erlangen:** Congress Sounds of Europe →
- 6 **Gliwice:** The AEGEE contact in Sarajevo signs the "Convention d'Adhesion" and becomes the first local in Bosnia. There is also an AEGEE contact in Tuzla.
Firenze: SU Italian language
- 7 **Osnabrück:** SU German language
Torino/Castellanza: SU Italian
Rotterdam: SU Business English
- 8 **Praha:** SU Czech culture and history
Warszawa: SU Polish culture & nature
- 13 **Heidelberg:** SU German language
- 14 **Bari:** SU Italian language
Delft: SU Computer
Ljubljana: SU Slovenian culture
Napoli: SU Italian language
Riccione: SU Italian language
Santander: SU Spanish language
St. Petersburg: Summer Camp.
Udine: SU Italian language
- 15 **Brussels:** Johannes Kind becomes Liaison Officer for the Council of Europe. →
Athina: SU Modern Greek culture
Münster: SU German language
Perugia: SU Italian language
Timisoara: SU Romanian culture
- 16 **Peiraiás:** SU Language and civilisation
Praha: CD member David Stulik resigns from the European board for study reasons.
- 17 **Las Palmas:** SU Spanish language
- 18 **Via Egnatia:** Travelling Summer University (TSU) Via Egnatia →
- 20 **Brussels:** Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, is new AEGEE patron →
Zagreb/Croatian coast: TSU Croatia
- 21 **Chisinau:** SU English language
Köln: SU German language
Mainz/Wiesbaden: SU German
Bari: SU Italian language
Salerno: SU Italian language
Trier: SU German language
- 22 **Freiburg:** SU German language
- 27 **Aachen:** SU German language
- 28 **Bremen:** SU German language
Giessen: SU German language
Hamburg: SU German language
Kaunas: SU Horseback riding & weaving
Liege: SU French language
- 31 **Budapest:** TSU Hungary

VIA EGNATIA, 18/7 - 5/8 "Macedonia was born Greek". The neon sign on the roof of the Greek border crossing welcomed the participants of the Travelling Summer University (TSU) "Via Egnatia" in a special way. The AEGEE guests were in the middle of a fight for names and symbols, when they crossed the Macedonian-Greek border. It is a fight for the name Macedonia, which Greece claims for itself, because it builds its history upon it. Only the one who is different can justify his existence.

Turkey, Greece and Macedonia have more in common than they want to admit. In the Balkan region, where occupied states regularly disappeared from the map, history is politics. Greece, Macedonia and Turkey stress their differences, in order to not to admit their common heritage. Exploring these similarities and differences was the aim of the "Via Egnatia" TSU, organised by AEGEE-Skopje, AEGEE-Thessaloniki and AEGEE-Istanbul. The TSU was named after the ancient trade route "Via Egnatia" from Rome to Istanbul which passed through the visited cities. 35 students took part in this trip through countries and minds. The TSU lasted for three weeks and started in Skopje, thereafter passing through Ohrid, Thessaloniki, Kavala and Istanbul. In each of these cities there was a programme consisting of lectures, sightseeing, swimming and parties. Politics was deliberately excluded as lecture topic, even the neutral topic culture was sometimes like dynamite. Fortunately the organisers Kalina (Skopje), Peggy (Thessaloniki) and Banu (Istanbul) were good friends, otherwise the whole trip would not have been possible. From Skopje the group travelled to Ohrid,

visiting a monastery and the beautiful Macedonian landscape. Ohrid is located next to a lake of which one third is Albanian, hence somebody asked about possible submarines. A song was created that became the anthem of the participants: "We believe in Albanian Submarines" - a parody on "Yellow Submarine" - was sung every night.

In Thessaloniki the travellers spent three days visiting the city, attending lectures and exploring the nightlife. At a reception the vice mayor of Thessaloniki greeted his audience with the words: "I especially welcome our



friends from Skopje and Turkey to Thessaloniki, the capital of Macedonia". After a trip to Kavala, a town halfway to Istanbul from Thessaloniki the mayor invited the visitors to an ancient comedy - performed by the National Greek Theatre in the amphitheatre of Kavala. In Istanbul the group lived next to the beautiful campus of the Bosphorus University. From Topkapi palace to downtown Besiktas to a boat trip to Asia - the programme in Europe's biggest city with its 14 million inhabitants was tight, but still the participants could only see a bit of the many worlds within one city.

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- Member of the European Parliament

Vaclav Havel new patron of AEGEE-Europe

AEGEE commemorates the death of François Mitterrand

BRUSSELS, 20

Václav Havel is new patron of AEGEE-Europe. The President of the Czech Republic is already the second statesman from Central and Eastern Europe who accepts patronage for AEGEE in 1996. In April the Hungarian President Mr. Árpád Göncz had agreed on patronage.

AEGEE has nine patrons, among them Jacques Santer and Daniel Tarschys. "We are proud that we were always supported by important European politicians", states AEGEE-President Jordi Capdevila.

It is no coincidence that with Václav Havel and Árpád Göncz two politicians from Central and Eastern Europe became patron. It mirrors the fact that the AEGEE network

in that part of Europe is getting stronger. This is also recognised by the politicians in these countries.

In 1996 AEGEE commemorated the death of the first patron of AEGEE, François



Václav Havel

Mitterrand. He died in January 1996. Jordi Capdevila: "Our association was always in a good relationship with this great promoter of European integration. He was a real European."

Summer adventures in the Lithuanian forests

Children's camp in Lithuania - Fun and frustration for the AEGEE tutors

KAUNAS/KACERGINE

Helping poor children to integrate into society: That was the aim of the Children's summer camp in Kacergine (Lithuania), which was organised by AEGEE-Kaunas in co-operation with the Lithuanian Child So-

ciety between June and August. Four groups of altogether 600 Lithuanian children got the opportunity to spend their vacation somewhere out of their own city. "For the orphans, homeless and other poor children this was a great change", remembers Austra

Palinauskaite from AEGEE-Kaunas.

Several AEGEE members from other countries went to the children's camp as tutors. "I still remember our children standing at the bus-stop while we AEGEE members were waiting for the bus home" says Anna Malewska from AEGEE-Warszawa. "24 little devils, which now seem to be for us only sweet angels, who were crying..."

The camp itself was adventur-

ous. "Bathrooms without hot water, no shower, hardly any toilets and houses with leaking roofs", says Anna's boyfriend Erwin de Bruin from Enschede. It was difficult in the beginning to communicate with the children. Erwin: "All were between 9 and 17 years old. Their first reaction on our arrival was looking and touching our watches and cameras - from a safe distance." The tutors communicated with the children in English, German, Polish and body-language. The children were very happy to meet the young AEGEE tutors. Together they walked in the forests, did sports competitions, played games, sang songs and the tutors tried to teach the children foreign languages.

"Sometimes the camp took us some effort, like getting up at a quarter to eight, doing morning gymnastics and finding out that there is no water", concludes Anna. "But every smile of a child was our reward."



A summer without worries: The children's camp.

Singing folk tunes half-naked in kilts

Sounds of Europe: congress and rock festival

ERLANGEN, 4-7

"How does music influence the audience? How are social problems and political tendencies reflected in music?" The congress "Sounds of Europe" tried to give an answer. Next to lectures the sixty participants listened to bands from all over Europe that performed in an open-air festival.

"Many composers were influenced by historical circumstances like the Russian Revolution or the two World Wars", said Tomi Mäkelä from the University of Cologne in his introduction lecture. Mr.

Barry Edwards, a practitioner in the field of music and modern drama, discussed the influence of scientific revolutions on artists. How will they react on the information highway or virtual reality? "The super-modern artist has no choice but to embrace commitment at the deepest personal level", Mr. Edwards said. The rock festival took place on an open-air stage in the forests of Erlangen. Eight bands from six countries sang in their mother tongue. E.V. from Nantes for example delivered ritual Celtic folk rock tunes, singing half-naked in kilts.

New Liaison Officer

BRUSSELS, 15

Former CD member Johannes Kind is appointed AEGEE Liaison Officer (LO) for the Council of Europe. He is the third Liaison Officer. Before him Alessandra Siniscalco was appointed Liaison Officer for UNESCO and Jeroen van Eik for the European Moot Court Association.

The Comité Directeur may appoint Liaison Officers that take care of the relations between AEGEE-Europe and specific organisations. At each Agora the Liaison Officers present a written report. "The CD is not able to deal with all national governments that may support AEGEE", explains Kind. Liaison officers can help: "We should introduce more Liaison Officers".



AUGUST

Tuzla Times with help from Delft

Dutch students teach computer courses in Bosnia

- 2 **Montpellier:** Summer University (SU)
French language
- 3 **Palermo:** SU Italian language
- 4 **Kiel:** SU German language
Madrid: SU Spanish language
Maastricht: SU English language
Stockholm/Helsinki: Travelling Summer University on Scandinavian culture. →
- 5 **Nijmegen/Utrecht:** SU Dutch culture and language
Kyiv/Mykolaiv/Lviv: Travelling Summer University Ukraina
Amsterdam: SU Dutch language and culture
- 7 **Groningen:** SU Sailing
- 13 **Enschede:** AEGEE-Enschede opens its own pub, the "Asterion".
- 14 **Tilburg:** The new edition of the AEGEE-Gazette (No 6) is ready for distribution. The Gazette is a quarterly information leaflet, informing about the latest events and developments in AEGEE (→ September)
- 15 **Aachen:** Philipp von Klitzing, honorary member of AEGEE, proposes a stronger co-operation with the Young European Federalists (JEF). Other AEGEE members disagree - no action is taken.
- 18 **Cagliari:** SU Italian language
Roma: SU Italian language and Roman culture
- 21 **Utrecht:** SU Summer Course "Aqua - Water and its dimensions"
- 23 **Hannover:** CD member Gunnar Erth resigns from the European board for personal reasons.
Ferrara: SU Italian language
- 24 **Augsburg:** SU Bavarian culture
- 27 **Brussels:** AEGEE-Europe presents the "Mobile Teacher" project. Students, who want to go abroad for teaching languages or specific subjects like photography, can go to another AEGEE local.
- 28 **Barcelona:** AEGEE-Barcelona starts a discussion on the increase of the membership fees. These have not been increased for several years.
- 31 **Brussels:** CD member Giacomo Marini proposes to introduce an annual AEGEE festival.
Aachen: Philipp von Klitzing promotes the idea of a European civil service as alternative to the mere national civil services.
Brussels: Education Working Group (EWG) meeting.

TUZLA
"Giving computer courses in Bosnia just a short time after the war may sound unnecessary", says Jan-Pieter van Hooijdonk from AEGEE-Delft. "However, every initiative which gives people the feeling that they are not forgotten can bring them back into life again." Jan-Pieter was one of four AEGEE-Delft members that gave computer courses to 28 people in Tuzla. The project was a result of the initiative of the Mayor of Delft, Mr H. van Walsum, who arranged also the purchase of 14 computers for the local organization Dom Mladih in Tuzla. The

organisation was partially realized by Vincent van Dijk, President of the AEGEE Human Rights Working Group.

The Dutch students taught two groups the basics of computers. "The first, aged between 11 and 17, communicated with us very well, especially after a warming up one-week English course given by two AEGEE-Utrecht members", tells Jan-Pieter. The second class, aged between 18 and 23 already knew the basics of computers. After a review the Delft students could start teaching using software. In the beginning they got lessons about DOS, Norton

Commander, general commands and knowledge about viruses. The second step was working with Windows, MS Word and Excel. Publishing a "Tuzla Times Weekly Newspaper" at the end of the course was the final goal.

The four computer teachers were overwhelmed by the friendliness of the people in Tuzla. They met numerous NGO employees. Discussions on the war, investments of the international community, education programmes or the refugee problem were a part of the nights.



Teaching in Tuzla: Dutch students help.

Domino - more than just a children's game

AEGEE introduces modern database on the World Wide Web

AACHEN
The Internet has become an indispensable communication tool in AEGEE. 66 out of 249 AEGEE bodies were known to run their own WWW pages, and only 9 out of 170 locals did not call an e-mail address their own. AEGEE prepares to operate an own Internet domain. Parallel to this the Internet User Group discussed the chances of introducing a groupware system called Lotus Notes. The features such as off-line access, distributed database and a programming environment were promising; a pilot database was developed by Philipp von Klitzing and a Notes server began operation in April on the Internet, using the facilities of AEGEE-Aachen. Every AEGEE member could get access to the database after a registration.

As one of the most important publications, the AEGEE address book became available via WWW. The system gained great momentum with the first versions of Domino, a web server offering the database contents in HTML code generated on-the-fly. The Calendar of Events advanced to the most visited database with up to 60 users per day. The OneEurope Magazine of AEGEE was the first project to bridge the geographical scattering of its team with a set of Notes databases, co-ordinating articles and schedules.

In November the AEGEE head office in Brussels began also operating Lotus Notes, step by step turning administration from paper into electronics, fighting the untamed 10-year old beast formerly known as "files".

Vikings versus Moomins

Two weeks on a Travelling Summer University in Scandinavia



Hot summer in the sauna

STOCKHOLM/HELSINKI, 4-18
"Vikings versus Moomins" - with this short formula AEGEE-Stockholm and AEGEE-Helsinki announced their Travelling Summer University (TSU) on Scandinavian culture. Moomins, these are the little trolls of the children's books of the Finish writer

Tove Jansson, who are so different from the wild and heroic Vikings. 170 students wanted to learn more about the two Northern countries. However, only 20 could took part in one of the three most popular Summer Universities in 1996.

"We wanted to show the participants the Scandinavian way of life and the cultural similarities and differences between Sweden and Finland," Haiju: "We decided not to teach languages to our participants - learning two different languages for just two weeks would have been too difficult."

The first week of the SU took place in Sweden. The program in Helsinki was as varied as the Swedish one: "Our guests became acquainted with Finnish history, design, nature, food and culture", reports Haiju. Next to lectures there were excursions to different organisations. "Our participants also studied Finnish drinking habits." At a summer cottage near Helsinki the participants became acquainted with the Finnish nature and sauna.

"Our participants gave us positive feedback and that is why we do it again in August '97", concludes Haiju. "The future for Scandinavian co-operation looks bright!"

One of the first on the Web

More than 50 AEGEE locals have an own WWW site

BRUSSELS
Since 1993 AEGEE has been present on the World Wide Web. As one of the first associations, thanks to the pioneer work of Jens-Erik Weber and John Stienen, AEGEE immediately developed a significant presence on the Internet, exploiting all the different tools that this new system offered, from e-mail to IRC chat, from gopher to FTP. At now, more than 50 Locals have got their own web-page, plus lots of Working Groups, several projects and other bodies. All this work has been administrated by voluntaries, usually informatic fans, and supported by the university computer systems that usually host the pages.

Nowadays AEGEE has decided to start to have an own domain. AEGEE pages will be accessible through simply typing "www.aegEE.org". This means that now a new co-ordination of the whole Internet system of AEGEE is needed, and this implies also a new design and a new system of web-pages. The official web-pages of AEGEE-Europe will be slightly restyled, in order to improve the understanding of the pages. "Three main frames were chosen for the realisation of the new pages", explains Sergio Caredda (AEGEE-Gorizia), designer of the new pages. "They should be easy to access to all browsers, but without renouncing to some

technological updates. Secondly, they don't have to draw the visitor to be lost inside the web-site. Last point, they have to offer a common style, essential and not intensively graphic."

From these pages there will be links to all AEGEE web-pages, offering an outlook on all AEGEE projects and activities.

Clouds, sky and CGI

AEGEE-Athina has one of the best websites in AEGEE, created by Stelios Mystakidis.

Key: What are the features of the WWW pages of AEGEE-Athina?

Stelios: Our pages are probably the first fully bilingual pages in English and Greek. We are working on the creation of versions in more languages, such as German and French. The pages feature a wealth of material. Moreover, advanced HTML-authoring has been implemented like JavaScripting, CGIs and frames.

Key: What are the contents?

Stelios: The web-pages are organised in fourteen sectors. They present AEGEE-Athina, our Working Groups and activities plus material about AEGEE-Europe and Hellenic culture. Everything is updated several times per month.

Key: What is the optical appearance?

Stelios: For the background of all opening pages we selected a picture of a clouded sky. The sky represents AEGEE's potential and our optimism for the future. The clouds remind us of the obstacles in the way.

Key: What makes a good WWW page?

Stelios: Quantity of material, quality in contents and aesthetic and speed of adaptation.

Key: How did you learn WWW-editing?

Stelios: I was taught by the Internet. As soon as I entered the Internet in May 1995, the absence of AEGEE-Athina on the net lead me to the design of our WWW pages.

Key: What could be the role of WWW-pages in student organizations like AEGEE?

Stelios: Dissemination of information, geography-free co-operation, but also in many functions of our organisation. For example, as banking on-line arises we will be able to pay our membership fees to AEGEE-Europe via Internet.





SEPTEMBER

Europe's students capital for one week Presidents' Meeting and "Find Your Way" forum in Timisoara

- 2 **Eindhoven:** John Stienen proposes to change the length of statutory meetings from two days to three or four days. This would give the participants more time to discuss proposals and to develop projects in workshops.
- 9 **Sevilla:** SU Spanish language
- 12 **Brussels:** AEGEE-Europe presents the concept of "Understanding EMU - Europe and Euro". This project is one of the main conference cycles in 1997.
- 13 **Barcelona:** SU Català and Spanish
- 14 **Brussels:** The AEGEE-Europe headquarters move within Brussels. Main reason is that a bigger location could be found with better facilities for a cheaper rent. (→ January)
- 16 **Granada:** SU Spanish language
Valencia: SU Spanish language
Timisoara: "Students' Rights" is the topic of the first of five forums within the "Find Your Way" cycle (FYW), dealing with topics of the transition of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe towards pluralistic societies. Four more of these forums follow in September and October.
- 20 **Timisoara:** The autumn Presidents' Meeting of AEGEE-Europe is held immediately after the FYW forum in Romania. →
Timisoara: The latest issue of the OneEurope Magazine (issue No 10) is presented and distributed at the Presidents' Meeting.
Castelló: SU Spanish and Catalan
- 23 **Maastricht:** Jeroen van Eik, AEGEE Liaison Officer for "Moot Court" calls for participation in this international competition for law students. In 1997 AEGEE-Warszawa is organising one of the regional finals.
Strasbourg: AEGEE takes part in an NGO exhibition at the Council of Europe. Occasion is the 20th anniversary of the Liaison Committee for NGOs. The photo exposition, also used in January at the Council of Europe and also shown at the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven proves to be highly successful. AEGEE is represented by Johannes Kind, Alex Ootes and Jan-Pieter van Hooijdonk.
- 26 **Presov:** "Nationalism" - the second "Find Your Way" forum.
- 27 **Bonn:** Kai Wynands proposes to introduce a circle of "friends & supporters of AEGEE".
- 28 **Brussels:** Office opening reception.
- 30 **Gorizia:** A group of politics students in AEGEE-Gorizia founds the International Politics Working Group (IPWG).

TIMISOARA, 17-22
Timisoara becomes Europe's students capital for one week: The AEGEE local in the North-Romanian city organises the autumn Presidents' Meeting and a forum on students' rights within the same week. 400 students take part in the two events. Main discussion topics at the Presidents' Meeting (PM) are the second move of the AEGEE-Europe office, the communication policy of the European board CD and the financial situation of the organisation. Parallel to the plenary discussions workshops take place, like on the "Neighbourhood in Europe" project and AEGEE's

"Europe and Euro" campaign. In one of these workshops the idea of giving voting rights to Working Groups is elaborated. This proposal is accepted by the delegates with a clear majority. A few days before the PM a forum about students' rights takes place. It is part of the congress cycle "Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society". 50 Students discuss the rights of students to influence decision making in the university and in the society. "In many countries in Central and Eastern Europe students have less rights than in the West, because there are still the

legislative structures missing", says Alex Glos, law student from Passau. Also the role of students in the revolutionary changes in 1989 throughout Central and Eastern Europe was discussed.

The participants, who attended the two



Taking a close look: Sasha Mirskikh observes Alex Glos

meetings in the Casa Tineretului, were satisfied with the smooth organisation. "For us it is a special honour to organise these two events, because AEGEE-Timisoara is a relatively young and small antenna", says Dana Berinde, President of AEGEE-Timisoara. The local was founded only in 1994, but acquired soon a good reputation as organiser. Today AEGEE-Timisoara has 35 members. Dana Berinde concludes proudly: "We had to mobilise all our human resources in order to organise the two events. But we managed it."

Trend to Travelling Summer Universities continues

In 1996 2200 students at 70 courses

ROMA/UDINE

Europe on the move: 2200 students take part in the 70 AEGEE Summer Universities of 1996. Since 1988 AEGEE locals offer the opportunity to take part in cheap languages courses - or to learn how to ride horses and sailing. Organised by students for students, Summer Universities last usually for two weeks.

"We had 4200 applications - twice as many as places", reports Mauro Bartoletti from AEGEE-Roma. Together with Lorenzo Nicora from AEGEE-Udine he co-ordinates the Summer Universities. "The most requested Summer Universities were the French course in Montpellier and the Summer University by Stockholm and Helsinki. For each of both events about 200 students applied." Palermo and Roma were the next ones on the top list.

The offered courses reflect the structure of the network. The countries with the highest number of locals organised the most language courses: 14 German, 13 Italian and 6 Spanish courses were offered. Altogether 14



*Do-it-yourself-sangria: Summer Universities are fun!
Top: SU Coordinator Mauro Bartoletti*

different languages were taught - among them Catalan, modern Greek, Turkish and Slovenian - and six other topics. The latest trend are Travelling Summer Universities (TSU). Six of these cultural trips through one or several countries took place. One of them was AEGEE's most ambitious projects in 1996: the TSU through the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Mac-

edonia, Greece and Turkey. Other TSUs went to Ukraine, Croatia and Hungary.

The total number of Summer Universities in 1996 was lower than in the previous year: 70 instead of 82. Main reason is the earlier deadline: Due to organisational changes in the Summer University Co-ordination Team the application deadlines for organisers and participants are earlier than in the previous year. In 1997 the number of Summer Universities will be higher again: 76 events will take place.

The first Summer University booklet contained all city maps

Since 1988 every year thousands of students take part in AEGEE's holiday courses

ROMA/MILANO

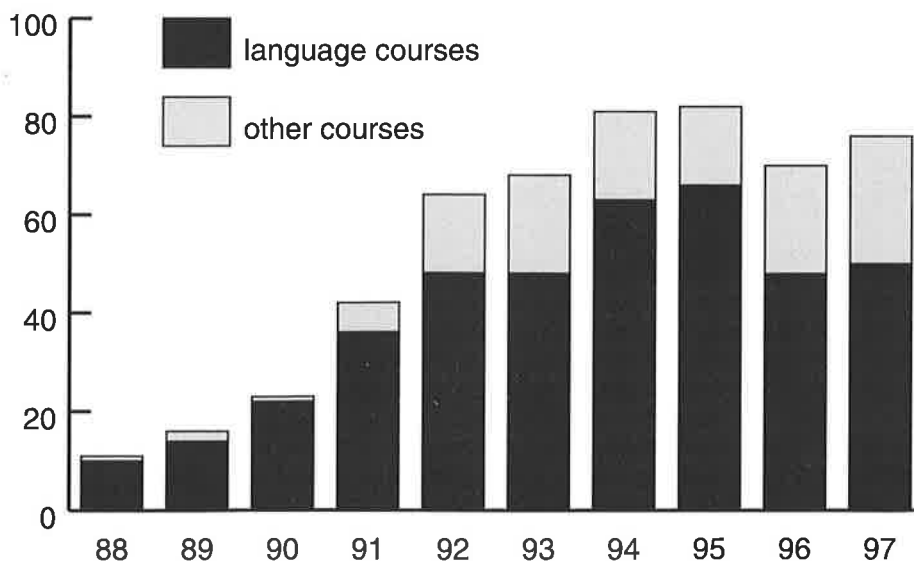
In 1988 a new type of AEGEE event was invented: the Summer Universities (SU). The first thin booklet of 1988 even contained maps of the cities in which the 11 courses took place. The number rapidly increased in the following years. The 1996 edition of the Summer University booklet contains on 172 pages information on 70 courses. In the centre of the Summer Universities always have been the language courses.

When AEGEE spread to new countries in the early 1990s also the number of languages that were taught increased sharply: from seven in 1989 to 14 in 1996.

The Summer Universities were always centrally co-ordinated. First co-ordinator was Daisy Koppels from AEGEE-Amsterdam, followed in 1989 by Katja Gadanyi from Freiburg. In 1991 Vittoria dell'Aquila from AEGEE-Milano took over the co-ordination. The multilingual Italian, who speaks more than ten languages and dialects, co-ordinated the SUs until 1995. Since 1996 Mauro Bartoletti (AEGEE-Roma) and Lorenzo Nicora (AEGEE-Udine) are in

charge of SUs. They publish the Summer University booklet, which features every course in two languages: in English and the mother tongue of the AEGEE local.

Moreover they collect all Summer University applications from the network and distribute them to the organisers in the 70 locals.



While numbers of Summer Universities grow, the offer is more diversified.

The printed side of AEGEE

From Gazette to AddressBook: a wide variety of publications

TIMISOARA, 20

The latest issue of the OneEurope Magazine (OEM) is presented at the Presidents' Meeting in Timisoara. The OEM is only one of the many publications in AEGEE. Many locals present result brochures of their events, which often serve as research material for decision makers at European institutions. In addition, many locals produce their own bulletins. The Eurotoman of AEGEE-Warszawa is for example printed with 10.000 copies - every month. Here is an overview of the most important publications on European level.



OneEurope Magazine is an international discussion forum in which people from different countries can express their point of view on social, political and cultural issues. It is published three times a year in English and is also available via the World Wide Web. It is financed by advertising, public funds and subscription fees.

In 1996, the fourth year of its existence, the OneEurope Magazine faced major changes in its organisational structure. Whereas the first edition of the year was completely put together by the founding generation in Aachen, the work on the following issues was gradually shifted to the newly established OneEurope teams in Bonn and Berlin. Both groups consist of people from various European countries.



The **Summer University Booklet** gives a presentation of all Summer Universities which are going to take place the coming summer. Normally every course description is both in English and the language of the country of the organising local. This longed-for booklet contains courses from Aachen to Zagreb with topics ranging from Anatolian culture to horseback riding, computers to sailing. Most courses are traditional language courses: 48 of the 70 Summer Universities offer this cheap alternative to expensive private language courses.

The booklet, which is produced by the Summer University Co-ordination (SUCT) in Udine and Rome, is distributed at the spring Presidents' Meeting and sent to all locals via mail.



The **NewsBulletin** was founded in order to inform the members of AEGEE better about the activities of the organisation and possibilities to get involved in new projects. The rather internal NewsBulletin is an important information tool for the members, featuring all kinds of events. Starting in the late 1980s, AEGEE-Oviedo turned the NewsBulletin in a monthly quality publication. Currently AEGEE-Warszawa is publishing the NewsBulletin.



The **AddressBook** is the most used publication in AEGEE. Published twice a year it contains the addresses of all members of local boards, Working Groups, commissions and the Comité Directeur. Therefore it is an indispensable tool for everybody who wants to be active in AEGEE.



The **AEGEE-Gazette** is a short, glossy publication of AEGEE-Europe that is used to inform the contacts of the Comité Directeur about the most important activities that take place in the European level of our association. It is presented three times per year and distributed to contacts in the European and national institutions as well as to the business contacts.



The **Key to Europe** is the publication which you are holding in your hands. This is the fifth issue of the yearbook of AEGEE since the start in 1991. It is both a booklet for the 15000 members and AEGEE's main PR tool at the same time. The picture shows the "Key Time 1997": Kristina Lindgärde, Gunnar Erth, Marta Viñals Kusters (from left).



OCTOBER

3 **Rijeka:** Congress "Tourism: Past, Present & Future".

4 **Milano/Passau:** Paolo Balistreri and Ralf-Gernot Böhne present AEGEE-Royale. This so-called "fun-tenna" is a club of active AEGEE members, who travel to at least 10 AEGEE events per year. →

Roma. The Summer University Coordination reports on their experiences with Summer Universities in 1996 and proposes improvements for 1997. Among these changes is a restriction of language courses to 45 participants.

Budapest: Ralph Böhlke announces a new edition of the AEGEE-VisaBooklet, which provides information to travellers who have to cross borders.

10 **Moskva:** "European Security" is the title of the third "Find Your Way" (FYW) forum. →

12 **Brussels:** The first Working Group Speakers' Meeting outside of Presidents' Meetings and Agoras takes place in the new headquarters of AEGEE-Europe. In the focus is the coming first Working Group Congress in Enschede in November.

17 **Turku:** AEGEE-Meeting.

Bratislava: "Mass media: Challenge for Young Generations?" - the fourth FYW forum.

18 **Former Yugoslavia:** The Case Study Trip to all countries of former Yugoslavia is one of most ambitious projects of AEGEE in 1996. →

19 **Brussels:** Education Working Group (EWG) meeting.

21 **Brussels:** Fund-raising meeting.

23 **Dunaujvaros:** "Traditions of our college" is the title of an international meeting in Hungary.

24 **Innsbruck:** "Students: From Revolution to Stagnation?" →

25 **Warszawa:** "Cultural stereotypes: What help can youth organisations give?" is the last of the five FYW forums.

Brussels: Commercial fund-raising. Thematic meeting.

27 **Brussels.** Meeting of Les Anciens of AEGEE. Les Anciens is one of the two alumni organisations in AEGEE. →

28 **Tilburg:** The congress "Euro Employment: Coming together?" marks the beginning of AEGEE's EMU/Euro campaign.

29 **Heidelberg:** Dinu Gherman, list manager of the AEGEE e-mail listserver, proposes to reintroduce "hyper-mailing". All messages on the e-mail-server will also be readable on the World Wide Web.

More stagnation than revolution?

Congress with 200 participants from 20 countries



"Students are not committed": Panel discussion at the congress in Innsbruck.

INNSBRUCK, 24-27

Imagine you were a student in China. Would you then also have been protesting on the Tiananmen square in Peking 1989? Questions like these were evoked at the conference "Students - from Revolution to stagnation?", arranged by AEGEE-Innsbruck. The congress examined the role of students in the fields of politics, economy and culture. In a retrospective view the history of student movements was discussed. Moreover, the conference explored to what extent students influence and are influenced by social developments. "Students have often a lack of commitment towards the society", regrets organiser Rolf Wienkötter. "Many of them are self-satisfied, sceptical and not motivated."

The Czech writer Vaclav Bartuska judged the possibility for students as small to change their situation by organising themselves politically. This may sound contradictory, considering that Bartuska was active in the "Velvet Revolution" in Praha 1989. Bartuska: "We had exceptional circumstances. Normally it takes twenty years before one can influence things in a political party." And by that time one is hardly student anymore.

Bernd Rabehl, professor in Berlin and active in the students revolt in Germany in 1968,

compared the role of students today with the ones back in 1968: "Where are the visions for a new Europe among the young people today?" Several things should be taken into consideration. In 1968 less people studied, so students had the image of an intellectual elite which was taken seriously. Their visions were better defined than today, which made it easier to unify people.

The congress looked over the European borders: next to reports on students' movements in Burma and Turkey, Emanuel Kadem presented slides about the oppressions of the students in Mali and Cameroun; the Chinese poet Liu Hongbin gave an impressive eyewitness report of the Chinese student movement of 1989 which was oppressed in the massacre on Tiananmen Square. Hongbin was very sceptic about the success of bigger student groups: "Individualism is the best weapon against evil", he said.

Altogether 15 speakers and 200 students from 20 different European nations gathered in the Austrian city, putting the issues into a global perspective. "We promoted the event extensively within other student associations and universities", says Rolf Wienkötter. "This is another action on the way to make students speak with one voice where it is possible and necessary."

Giving the "amateur researchers" a chance

Case Study Trip to Former Yugoslavia: students conduct research on young people

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, 17/10 - 1/11
During the second half of October 1996 AEGEE sets a precedent with a Case Study Trip (CST) to the Former Yugoslavia. Organised by the Human Rights Working Group, AEGEE-Enschede and AEGEE-Maribor the CST visits six cities in all five states of Former Yugoslavia by coach, talking to young people about their views, opinions and hopes for the future. The research is conducted by twenty

Sarajevo is the city which poses the most problems in terms of conducting the research. Everyone feels slightly uncomfortable asking personal questions. However, despite what has happened there it is a surprisingly normal place, with public transport operating normally and shops full of goods, many of them targeting the tourist trade. In fact the only reminders of war are the 11 pm police curfew and the restriction of running water to just four hours a day.

The visit to T u z l a provides an alternative view of B o s n i a . Residents of Tuzla did not escape the tragedy of war, but they had not suffered years under siege and are more willing to share their opinions about what h a d happened in

completely. "Those to whom we spoke were open and honest about what has happened in the region", says Erwin de Bruin, main organiser of the Case Study Trip. They would not refer to 'the war' as such but prefer to speak of the UN embargo. Their war was not one of bullets, but of massive inflation and the general consensus among the locals is that the other states have benefited more from the Dayton Agreement than the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has.

The CST reaches its final destination, Skopje, on Tuesday, 29 October. The fact that two of the researchers are from Skopje is an obvious help. The group attends some very interesting lectures courtesy of AEGEE-Skopje, one by the former government's Minister of Education who deals very honestly with the extremely sensitive subject of the Albanian minority in FYR Macedonia and the standard of education in minority schools. Just as the Slovenian focus was economic, the Macedonians appear primarily concerned with minority problems there, specifically the Albanian minority, which is thought to comprise some 23 percent of the total population, quite a significant number in a country of just 2 million people.

"The CST research was not conducted by professionals, but maybe it is time to give the amateurs a chance." The information gathered by the CST participants is currently being processed by AEGEE-Enschede and the Final Report will be produced in early 1997. Erwin de Bruin: "Hopefully it will achieve its ultimate aim - positive change for the people of the Former Yugoslavia."



The researchers of the Case Study Trip collected several hundred questionnaires.

participants, both AEGEE members and nonmembers, by the use of questionnaires. A standard set of questions had been devised to be used in all cities and divided into four headings: Daily life of young people, Reaching social stability, Relations among the new states in Former Yugoslavia and View towards Europe.

The CST begins in Maribor, then visiting Zagreb, Sarajevo, Tuzla, Novi Sad and Skopje, before returning to Maribor

two weeks later. The time constraint causes problems, because two days is never long enough to gain a real understanding of the difficulties there. Each visited antenna organises lectures and social events around which the research is conducted. For instance, in Zagreb a city tour is arranged, as are lectures from speakers from both ends of the political spectrum. Accommodation in Zagreb, as in most of the cities visited, is with host families, which helps the participants to get to know the local young people a little better and to experience the life of the citizens.

Bosnia than the citizens of Sarajevo had been.

Novi Sad, second city of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and capital of Vojvodina is a pleasant surprise. The media produced a mental image of an unfriendly place and a war-hungry people. The two and a half days the participants spend there shatters that perception



Oldies: the memory can be the future

Agé and Anciens: 250 members

BRUSSELS, 27

AEGEE-Europe invites "Les Anciens d'AEGEE" and AEGEE-Agé to a reception in Brussels. Les Anciens and AEGEE-Agé are the two alumni clubs in AEGEE - or as people normally refer to it - oldies clubs. Together they count about 250 members. "Les Anciens and Agé serve as the memory of AEGEE", explains Johannes Heister, co-ordinator of Les Anciens. "They are designed to keep up the links between AEGEE alumni and the currently active AEGEE generation." Both oldie clubs organise meetings, inform about AEGEE and discuss European, professional and private matters. However, they do not organise events or projects. Heister: "We are not a continuation of AEGEE - the students' world cannot be continued."

The oldies might be the future: There is a growing number of former AEGEE people in promising positions at the EU commission and other institutions.

LES ANCIENS D'AEGEE-EUROPE

Les Anciens was founded in May 1990 in Paris. It has a co-ordinator (Johannes Heister), a general secretary (Dorothea Heister-Hovestadt) and 150 members. It is not possible to apply for membership. Former AEGEE members who were active on the European level are invited to become member after having been suggested by two members of Les Anciens. Main point of interest is to stay in contact through addresses and meetings. The members communicate via a listserver, e-mail and a members' letter. The meetings are usually held once every year. Les Anciens has a page on the World Wide Web <http://www.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/AEGEE/ANCIENS>

AEGEE-Agé

AEGEE-Agé was founded on 8 April 1995 in the Netherlands. The structure of AEGEE-Agé is like AEGEE itself. Oldies from different locals form their own oldies club in their city. They can organise activities as they like, but they are also connected with AEGEE-Agé Europe. AEGEE-Agé exists in 29 cities. Also individual membership in AEGEE-Agé is possible. Every AEGEE member can become Agé member. Agé has altogether 100 members. The co-ordination team organises a general assembly at least once a year. The members receive at least 3 mailings a year, with information about coming AEGEE events. AEGEE-Agé has a listserver: aegee.age@lists.ut.ee and a site on the World Wide Web: <http://members.aol.com/vlamynck/age/index.htm>

"Fun and work belong together"

Royale: fun-tenna for travellers

MILANO/PASSAU, 4

AEGEE has two imperators: Paolo Balistrieri (AEGEE-Milano) and Ralli Böhne (AEGEE-Passau) rule AEGEE-Royale. This so-called "fun-tenna" is a club of active AEGEE members, who travel at least to 10 AEGEE events per year. "We got the idea, when we wanted to break the old travel record of Michael Merker", explains Paolo. "When he helped establishing AEGEE locals in Central and Eastern Europe he travelled to 25 AEGEE events in one year." Ralli and Paolo managed to go to 36 events.

In the "travel palace" of AEGEE-Royale there is room for imperators, kings and queens, princes and ladies. Paolo: "The lowest rank is Royal Ambassador - 10 events in one year". Immediately after announcing it a lot of current active members and AEGEE oldies applied for their title. "Among these people are some of the most active people, even former Presidents of AEGEE-Europe."

Paolo and Ralli do not regard AEGEE as a fun organisation, where travelling is a



Salve: Ralli (right) and Paolo are the travel majesties.

purpose in itself. Both are Presidents of their local antennae and are involved in European projects and commissions. Ralli: "AEGEE is fun and work - and both sides belong together."

NATO dominated forum on security policy

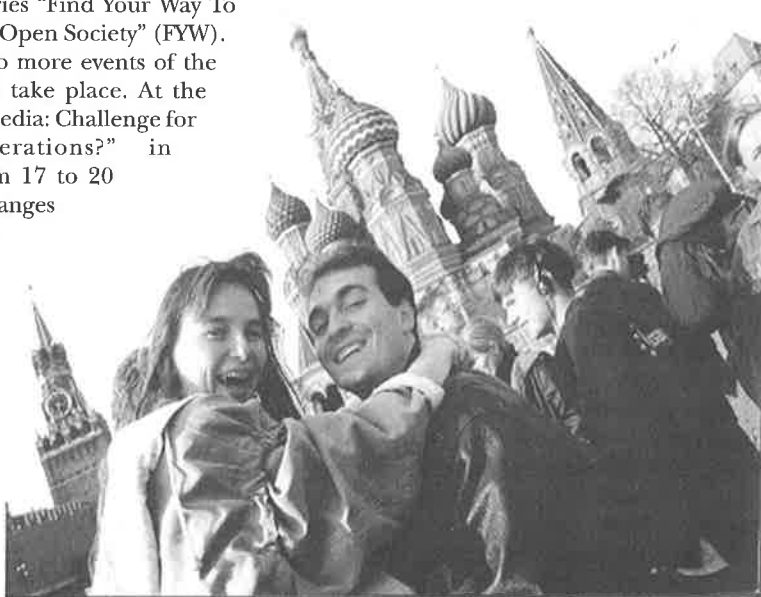
Changes in CEEC in the focus of three "Find Your Way" events

MOSKVA, 10-13

Which countries in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) may join the NATO? Should Russia be allowed to join or is it still a threat? This are the main discussion topics at the forum "Security policy in Europe" in Moskva. It is the sixth event in the conference series "Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society" (FYW). In October two more events of the congress cycle take place. At the forum "Mass media: Challenge for Young Generations?" in Bratislava from 17 to 20

October the changes of the media systems in CEE since 1989 are discussed. "Intercultural prejudices and stereotypes", taking place from 25 to 27 October in Warszawa, examines the hidden tensions

between East and West. "Also between the different countries in the East there are tensions and prejudices, which were latent in the communist era", explains Marcin Polak from AEGEE-Warszawa.



"Back in the USSR" is out of question for Russia. Many people would opt for a NATO membership.



NOVEMBER

AEGEE-Award: Who will get the bull? New prize for Europeans



Europe on his shoulders: the bull is the symbol of the Award

ATHINA, 10
Who will get the bull? In Greek mythology Zeus, transformed into a bull, carried a young girl named Europe on his back. This motive is printed on the silver medal of the new AEGEE Award. This prize will be given to a person or institution, which did a lot for Europe in 1996. It will be awarded in Aachen on 10 May 1997 in the presence of one of AEGEE's patrons. During the Autumn Agora in Athina the Award promoter Kai Wynands (AEGEE-Bonn) presented the concept of this award. Also the jury was elected, consisting of 14 members.

"We picked the motive for the medal, because the prize winner carried Europe a step ahead", explains Kai Wynands. "The idea of the Award is to support Europeans in their struggle for European awareness,

democracy and mutual understanding among Europeans." The awarded person must not be a member of AEGEE.

The sound of romance in Europe

A congress in Utrecht turned students into little musicians

UTRECHT, 1-3
"The 'Sound of Romance in Europe' is a wonderful line", says Genevieve Meerburg from AEGEE-Utrecht. "It has a sense of history, but also of the dynamics of modern society. It makes Europe an orchestra." For AEGEE-Utrecht "The Sound of Romance in Europe" was the best choice for the title of their congress, which highlighted the classical music in the Romantic period in Europe. 120 students took part, mainly from Hungary, Netherlands and Italy.

"During the Romantic period important steps were taken towards European integration", explains Genevieve. The congress tried to explore, whether there is a European culture and what is the historical background to a common European identity. Several lectures and workshops examined the possibilities of a Common European Cultural policy, the marketing of classical music or the relationship between

music and paintings. Genevieve: "The lectures gave a good understanding of classical music. Mr Samama for example showed in musical ways how to listen to music."

Physical participation was required in the workshops dealing with expression in dance and choral singing. Also the Sunday proved how creative and music-minded AEGEE-members are. Pierre van Hauwe, a famous composer, conductor and music pedagogue gave a workshop in the conservatory of Utrecht. "This seventy-year-old man managed to teach us music in the way he teaches four-year-old children", tells Genevieve. "Pierre van Houwe showed pictures of lions and cows and we pronounced these words so that a rhythm developed." In the end the stage was filled with participants who played an instrument. "We actually gave one of the most beautiful concerts I've ever heard."

- 1 **Utrecht:** "The Sound of Romance in Europe" is a musical congress. Ancient music plays the central role. →
- Stockholm:** Halloween and Agora party.
- 2 **Maastricht:** European Student Gala Night
- 4 **Brussels:** Gerhard Krefß, candidate for President of AEGEE-Europe, presents the position paper of his shadow CD, named "Steps to the future".
- 8 **Athina:** They call themselves the "friendly antenna": AEGEE-Athina. And they deserve this title. Most remarkable during the autumn Agora is the friendly and relaxed atmosphere. →
- 10 **Athina:** Gerhard Krefß becomes the 15th President of AEGEE-Europe. →
- Athina:** Kai Wynands presents the AEGEE Award concept at the Agora →
- 15 **Zaragoza:** Regional Meeting.
- 17 **Brussels:** The CD introduces a new calculation system for the membership fee in Central and Eastern Europe. The fees will now be calculated on the basis of the economic data of the countries.
- 19 **Brussels:** AEGEE-Europe takes part in an EP hearing on the EMU, presenting the project "Europe and Euro" and stressing the necessity of involving young people in the EU information campaign on the EMU.
- 20 **Köln:** AEGEE takes part at the "Deutscher Absolventen Kongress", Germany's biggest job fair. →
- 21 **Vannes:** "La littérature moderne en Europe" is another of AEGEE's events on fine arts.
- 22 **Milano:** Regional Meeting with 31 participants from 18 AEGEE locals.
- Heidelberg:** Regional Meeting with 35 students coming from eight countries.
- 27 **Maastricht:** Kristina Lindgård and Marijke Moed present the state of the AEGEE "Press Mirror", a collection of newspaper clippings about AEGEE.
- Heidelberg/Ludwigshafen:** PR seminar in co-operation with BASF.
- 29 **Enschede:** The first Working Group Congress in AEGEE takes place. →
- 30 **Brussels:** Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) of AEGEE. Former members of the Education Working Group discuss with current ones projects of the group.
- Torino:** During the AEGEE "UNESCO workshop on higher education" the position of AEGEE concerning the UNESCO is discussed.
- Barcelona:** The Europe-of-the-Regions Working Group (EoRWG) and AEGEE-Barcelona organise a study visit to Catalonia →

Structural changes

The decisions of the Agora

ATHINA, 10

At the Agora several decisions were taken which affect the structure of AEGEE:

NETWORK COMMISSION: The Network Commission (NC) is introduced. It is an elected body consisting of 10 members or AEGEE antennae. They support AEGEE-Europe and new or endangered locals by giving advice and doing network travels.

CD REDUCTION: The number of members of the CD, the European board of AEGEE, is reduced from 16 to nine. This reflects the increased professionalism in AEGEE, since AEGEE-Europe moved to Brussels in January and six CD members live there permanently.

SERVICE GROUPS: The CD may appoint service groups that provide know-how to AEGEE locals. Every local or member can become a service group. The first two groups were appointed in December 1996: AEGEE-Warszawa helps in printing matters, AEGEE-Karlsruhe as PR Service Group.

CD TRAVEL EXPENSES: All members of the CD have to present together with the financial report of the association an individual report of the travels they made during their mandate. The decision increases the transparency of the work of the CD.

STATUTORY MEETINGS: Fairer participation fees for statutory meetings are introduced by changing the Working Format for Agoras and Presidents' Meetings. Fees are now calculated via the so-called ACU system, which takes the purchasing power in the countries into account.

AEGEE steps to a new future in Athina

The Agora returns home to its birthplace - Friendly statutory meeting

ATHINA, 8-10

"This Agora was for sure one of the most important in AEGEE's history". AEGEE-Europe's President Gerhard Kreß has reason for this statement: At the Autumn Agora in Athina several decisions were taken which might influence the structure of AEGEE in a decisive way.

The local in the Greek capital organised an Agora already for the second time. The first one took place in Kos, a small island. "The event is still famous in AEGEE, because we had to overcome so many difficulties - and managed it", explains Fani Zarifopoulou, President of AEGEE-Athina and co-ordinator of the event. "Now we wanted to bring the Agora back to its original birth place - Athina".

More than fifty people were committed with organising the event. Like four years earlier, the organisers had to overcome enormous difficulties. The government changed and suddenly the promised grant to cover the whole Agora expenses was at stake. "Suddenly we had to start fund-raising - a

few months before the event", remembers Fani. Fortunately the Representation of the European Commission in Greece made AEGEE-Athina an offer the organisers couldn't refuse: to organise a small conference during the opening ceremony of the Agora under the title 'Youth meet Europe' with the Greek EU Commissioner Christos Papoutsis. Fani: "Suddenly within one week we received so many positive replies from our sponsors that our financial problem was solved."

The 400 participants of the Agora were satisfied: "Everything was perfect: the hotel was nice, the conference room superb, the meals delicious, the parties unique", says AEGEE-Europe Secretary Giacomo Marini. For the opening the mayor of Athina, the rector of the university, and the General Secretary of Youth were present to welcome the guests in Athina.

The Agora formed the foundations of a more dynamic future for the association. The trust in the new CD and its new program "Steps to the Future" was evident. Among

the most important decisions that were taken at this Agora was the establishment of the "Network Commission", which is supposed to support the locals in different regions and enhance the information flow in the network. Also the number of CD members was reduced to nine. However, the proposals concerning the voting rights of Working Groups in the Agora and a higher membership fee failed.

The Agora finished with a cake for both the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of AEGEE Athina and the birthday of Fani. The excursion to Delphi which followed the next day was a pleasant ending to the event. "The impact that this event had on AEGEE-Athina was strong", concludes Fani. "The problems we encountered only made the feeling of satisfaction and fulfilment greater in the end. All of us finally had the chance to experience the spirit of AEGEE by working together towards the European Integration. And this is something we are not likely to forget."

The new Comité Directeur

President Gerhard Kreß
Secretary Sergio Caredda
Treasurer Joaquin Soucheiron

External Relations Andrea Spellerberg
European Projects Peter Ginser
Network Masha Kuperman

Education Vicky Tsatsaroni
Fund-raising Mauro Terronini
Public Relations Kristina Lindgärde



Sergio, Joaquin, Kristina, Mauro, Andrea, Vicky, Masha, Peter and

The new Comité Directeur consists of nine members. President Gerhard Kreß from AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden has been in the CD since April 1996. He was previously responsible for network matters. Member of AEGEE since 1994, he was President of AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden and speaker of the Job Fair Working Group. This CD is the first one without Dutch members - a reaction to the stricter study conditions in the Netherlands since 1996. With Masha Kuperman there is for the first time a CD member from Russia. The members of the CD come from six different countries: Germany, Greece, Italy, Russia, Spain and Sweden.

Kreß is Number 15

Gerhard Kreß is the 15th President of AEGEE-Europe. AEGEE's founder Franck Biancheri stayed the longest time in office - from 1985 until 1988. Aside from him only Georg von der Gablentz stayed longer than one year - he was the President of the "Quo Vadis" list which opened AEGEE towards Central and Eastern Europe. Since 1993 no President stayed longer than half a year in office. This is because a President acquires CD experience first for half a year, before he or she takes over AEGEE's leadership.

Presidents of AEGEE-Europe

April 1985 - April 1988
 April 1988 - November 1988
 November 1988 - November 1989
 November 1989 - May 1990
 May 1990 - November 1990
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 November 1996 - April 1997

Franck Biancheri
 Vieri Bracco
 Frédéric Pélard
 Adolfo Dominguez
 Achim Boers
 Georg von der Gablentz
 Jeroen Hoogerwerf
 Pavel Miladinovic
 Zsuzsa Kigyós
 Dorian Selz
 Christina Thorsson
 Egens van Iterson Scholten
 Christoph Strohm
 Jordi Capdevila Gurrera
 Gerhard Kreß

AEGEE - in contact with the business world

KÖLN, 20/21
 Making contact with the business world: AEGEE Europe has an information booth at the biggest German job-fair, the "Deutscher Absolventenkongress", in which 15.000 students and more than 180 exhibitors take part.

During the course of two days companies present themselves and a number of lectures are held, covering aspects like finding a job and how to write a CV. AEGEE



A smile for AEGEE: PR seminar in Ludwigshafen

Europe is represented by a team of German AEGEE members, among them AEGEE President Gerhard Kreß. The aim is to present and introduce AEGEE to companies and students. AEGEE-Europe is present at numerous career-fairs. AEGEE is also the founder of Euromanagers Brussels (EMDS) which is now professionally organising job-fairs. There are several other fields of co-operation with the business world. In November 1996 AEGEE-Heidelberg organises a PR seminar at BASF; AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden arranges the Global Generation Seminar together with the German airline carrier Lufthansa.

Multicultural teams offer more chances than risks

"Think Europe": First Working Group Congress takes place in Enschede

ENSCHDEDE, 30/11-1/12

For the first time in AEGEE history a congress about all Working Groups (WG) is held. "Think Europe - A new approach to contemporary issues" is the title of the event, which is attended by sixty people from ten different countries. The goal is to improve the "thematic backbone" of AEGEE, as WGs are called, and to involve new people in projects.

"Think Europe" consists of a theoretical and a practical part. Lectures about international co-operation are followed by team building games. The Working Groups present their subjects, whereafter the participants are divided in little teams that develop new events about east-west and north-south relationships, education, human rights and the environment.

Working Groups are international teams of people with different cultural backgrounds. This is stressed in a lecture on Global Management by Mr Prud Homme van Reine (Free University of Amsterdam) and Ms Foong (Tokyo). They focus on examples of the business world: companies have to change their management style when they operate in another culture. Problems can for example evolve between Germans and Dutch. Germans will think of the Dutch as

undisciplined, opportunistic, disrespectful, though flexible people. On the other hand, the Dutch will find a German conservative, dominant and ambitious. Conclusion: international companies or student organisations have to combine their global management with local custom and to accept the presence of tensions.

"The advantages of working in multicultural teams should outweigh the problems", stresses Ms Tina Girnnt from the University of Brabant. The high input of ideas and new abilities and the tight bond after putting away the cultural differences make a winning team. "The royal route is to recognise the misinterpretations and to explain each other's behaviour."

A general introduction in organising an event is given by the team of the Case Study Trip to Former Yugoslavia, a very successful event by the Human Rights Working Group in October 1996. The discussions were



Working for the breakfast.

preceded by a description of how the local Working Groups of AEGEE-Enschede operate.

The results of the conference are promising. Fresh participants joined the discussions with enthusiasm and even a new WG was founded: the Cultural Working Group (CWG). "This event helped improving the Working Groups and the thematic structure of AEGEE", expresses main organiser Thijs Arlman. "Today's idealism is tomorrow's realism."

Working Groups: culture to politics

Members active in many fields

There are seven major Working Groups in AEGEE. Their fields of action range from culture to international politics.

Cultural Working Group

The Cultural Working Group (CWG) is the youngest Working Group. It was founded on 1 December 1996 during the Working Group Congress in Enschede. The CWG tries to specify and identify the different cultures in Europe. Rianne Brouwers (CWG): „For the Journee de l'Europe in May 1997 we are thinking about locally organised events with a cultural theme. We would also like to organise a conference at the end of this year.“

East-West Working Group

The East-West Working Group (EWWG) was the first Working Group, founded on 10 April 1988. Its members like Michael Merker and David Stulik played a decisive role in the developing of the AEGEE. The EWWG has around 40 members. Today Case Study Trips (CST) are the main field of action, dealing with certain cases, focusing on young people. There have been CSTs to

Albania and to Ukraine. For 1997 the EWWG is preparing a CST to Moldavia.

Education Working Group

Education is a core topic in AEGEE. The Education Working Group (EWG) promotes the European dimension in education. It was founded in November 1994 as unification of the Erasmus WG and the Tempus WG. The EWG consists of four units: Socrates Unit, Study Visit Unit, Studies Unit and a Conference Unit. For 1997 the EWG is planning several projects, like a study visit on the transformation of education systems in Central and Eastern Europe.

Europe-of-the-Regions WG

The cultural strength of our continent is the richness of the cultures forming it. Examining how all these puzzle pieces can be matched in the geopolitical map of Europe is aim of the Europe-of-the-Regions Working Group (EoRWG), founded in 1991. Regionalism, identity and self-determination have to be worked on, by means of congresses or Study Visits. Another goal: preserving the minority cultures and languages of Europe. In 1996 the EoRWG carried out the Study Visit "A View at Catalonia".

Human Rights Working Group

The Human Rights Working Group (HRWG) aims to create awareness in the

field of Human Rights. Founded in 1994, it continued the work of the Anti-discrimination Working Group. In 1996 the HRWG organised successfully two events: a congress on „Human Rights conflicts in former Yugoslavia“ in Udine and a two-week Case Study Trip to all five countries of former Yugoslavia. For 1997 the HRWG is planning among others a conference series on minorities on the Balkan.

International Politics WG

Diplomacy, international relations and organisations are the main study area of the International Politics WG. Sergio Caredda (IPWG): „AEGEE operates in a political world, we have to face the reality.“ The IPWG was founded on 30 September 1996 by students of the University of Gorizia. Currently it is developing a study project about the Central European Initiative, a co-operation effort in Central-Eastern Europe. Also a politics library is being realised in Gorizia.

North-South Working Group

The North-South Working Group (NSWG) creates awareness about the third world. It co-operates closely with the organisation „Play Fair Europe“. Together the two groups organised an event related to the international food summit in autumn 1996. Also for 1997 events are planned.



DECEMBER

Out on the streets in Beograd

AEGEE supports students protests in Serbia



Solidarity: Former AEGEE President Egens van Iterson Scholten on the streets of Beograd.

- 1 **Enschede:** During the Working Group Congress in Enschede the Cultural Working Group (CWG) is founded. (→ November)
- 6 **Enschede:** The Human Rights Working Group presents a new project for 1997: A conference series about minorities in the Balkan region.
Szczecin/Greifswald: Students from the universities in Szczecin (Poland) and Greifswald (Germany) found the first AEGEE double-contact of cities in different countries.
Passau: Regional Meeting
Frankfurt: "Global Generation". Symposium by AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden in cooperation with Lufthansa. →
- 7 **Stockholm:** Christmas Weekend 1996
- 7 **Firenze:** Before-Christmas Party.
- 8 **Brussels/Beograd:** AEGEE-Europe supports the students protests in Yugoslavia. AEGEE President Gerhard Kreß asks all members to send protest letters to the Serbian Government.
- 11 **Warszawa/Karlsruhe:** AEGEE-Warszawa and AEGEE-Karlsruhe become the first official service groups in the network. Service groups were introduced at the Agora in Athina. AEGEE-Warszawa offers its help in all printing matters; AEGEE-Karlsruhe helps in PR questions.
Brussels: AEGEE-Europe takes part in Euromanagers/Euroingeneers.
- 12 **Budapest:** the "Final Conference" in the Hungarian capital delivers the appropriate end to the event cycle "Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society": 250 students from more than 20 countries take part; the Hungarian President, Árpád Göncz, opens the event. During the event 12 students from Serbia inform about the protests in their country. →
- 16 **Beograd:** Four AEGEE members from outside Serbia travel to Beograd in order to support the demonstrating students in Yugoslavia. →
- 14 **Münster:** Regional Meeting
- 21 **Brussels:** Education Working Group (EWG) meeting.
- 22 **Brussels:** The CD decides to realise an own Internet domain for the whole network. Also the relations to students' associations outside Europe shall be enhanced. →
- 27 **Bardejovske Kupele:** 5th skiing New Year week with 100 participants, organised by AEGEE-Bratislava. →
- 29 **Zagreb:** New Year celebration.
- 31 **Roma:** International New Year's party.
Lodz: International New Year's party.

BUDAPEST/BEOGRAD, 15-20
It was the highlight of the "Find Your Way" Final Conference: 12 students from Beograd and Novi Sad, who protested actively on the streets of the Serbian capital against the election fraud of the Milosevic government, reported about the demonstrations. "Thousands of us are out on the street every day", explained Aleksandar from AEGEE-Beograd. "We will not stop before the government recognises the election victory of the opposition." Aleksandar and his friends invited the AEGEE students to join the protest. The following day four students from the Netherlands went for four days to Beograd - among them Egens van Iterson Scholten, former President of AEGEE-Europe. Here are his impressions:

"Under a bleak winter sun we arrived in Beograd. After a month of protests life in the city had already adapted to the situation. We visited the University of Music and Arts where like in every university all lectures had stopped. One of the professors said: 'Of course we support our students. Things should change in this country and we are happy our students take an active role in this.'

The protest was an impressive experience. All through the city you could hear the noise

of whistles and shouting growing louder as the protest came nearer. Suddenly the street was full of young people carrying flags blowing on whistles and shouting slogans. The atmosphere like a party. People stand in the windows and clap their hands.

Every day the students gather at noon at Plato square. After some speeches they walk. Heino and Linda from our group spoke to the crowd bringing them the greetings of AEGEE. Also every day the united opposition parties have their own walk followed by a protest gathering in Republic Square. From noon on therefore life in the centre of Beograd is interrupted.

We visited the independent radio B92 and the press and propaganda centres where banners for the next day were prepared. We admired the smooth organisation. After that we joined once again the protest walk. The remains of the evening were spend in the PMF computer centre where we had a chance to meet the people who make the World Wide Web pages we all looked at home. On Thursday we met our friends from AEGEE-Beograd, a young and very enthusiastic local. Then came the time to depart. We knew we would keep the students of Beograd in our heart."

Hungarian President opens final conference

"Find Your Way": The biggest AEGEE project in 1996 finishes in Budapest

BUDAPEST, 12-15

The President opened the event: With a speech of Árpád Göncz, President of the Hungarian Republic, the final conference of the event cycle "Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society" started. 250 students took part in the concluding event of the biggest AEGEE project in 1996. "Since 1993 no head of state has attended an AEGEE event", reports Gerhard Kreß, President of AEGEE-Europe. "This is a big reward for our efforts." The "Find Your Way" project was mainly developed by Szilvia Szabó (AEGEE-Debrecen), former member of the European AEGEE board. "Our idea was to make a conference



The Hungarian President Árpád Göncz opens the final conference in Budapest.

cycle about the democratisation process in Central and Eastern Europe", explains

Szilvia Szabó. Three training events should sensibilise the organisers and other students for the problems in the societies of Central and Eastern Europe, such as media ownership and stereotypes. Moreover, the training events made the organisers fit for arranging events that deal with these topics. In a second stage of the project between September and November five foras were organised in Slovakia, Poland and Romania. At the Final Conference the event cycle was concluded and the results were discussed. "We invited the best speakers of

the previous foras again", tells Mariann Kleszó (AEGEE-Budapest), responsible of the event. Additionally a film about the forum in Warszawa was presented and a picture exposition showed the highlights of the previous events.

80 percent of the costs of the nine events were covered by the "Phare and Tacis Democracy Programme" of the European Union. Szilvia Szabó: "Without them and the other sponsors like the Dutch Foreign Ministry, the European Cultural Foundation and the European Youth Foundation we would not have been able to organise these events." The Conference cycle was administered by a co-ordination team in the Hungarian local AEGEE-Szeged, which worked on this project for nearly two years. All nine events took place in Central and Eastern Europe, most of them in co-operation with a Western local. Gerhard Kreß: "These East-West partnerships are one of the strengths of our network." Altogether 700 students took part in the project. "Many of them had never heard of AEGEE before", knows David Stulik, one of the main co-ordinators. "We spread the information about the events on the Internet and sent information to many universities in Europe. Now some of the participants founded new AEGEE contacts."

Highlight of the event however were the 12 students from Beograd and Novi Sad, who reported about the ongoing students protest in Beograd against the election fraud of the governments. Gerhard Kreß: "They showed us that also on the Balkan there are students who try to find their way to an open and fair society."

Sculptor had to finish the Sagrada Familia

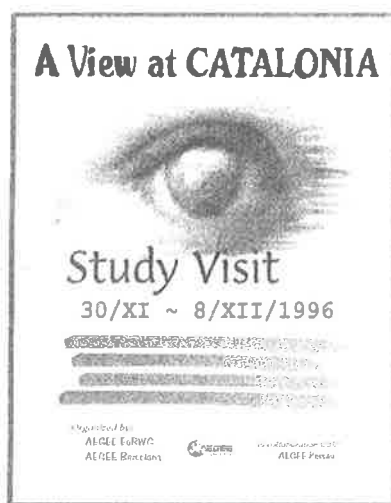
Study Visit Catalonia - eight days on tour with the EoRWG

BARCELONA, 30/11 - 8/12

Regionalism is one of the big issues in European integration. One of the most prominent examples for regional autonomy is Catalonia. In December 25 European students travelled one week through this part of Spain, getting acquainted with country and people - in the study visit "A view at Catalonia", which was organised by the Europe-of-the-Regions Working Group (EoRWG) and AEGEE-Barcelona.

Several meetings with politicians, artists and other interesting people were in the tight schedule. Joan Vallvé, member of the European Parliament held a lecture, as well as Sebastià Serrano, who spoke about "Communication and identity". "He is a famous professor from Barcelona, his books are always on the best-seller list", knows Albert Garcia, speaker of the EoRWG.

The 20 participants met youth representatives of Catalan and Spanish political parties. "These people were not yet politicians enough to give too diplomatic answers", reports CD member Andrea Spellerberg. Impressive was the director of the Institute of Linguistics of Catalonia, who talked about the development of the Catalan language. Andrea: "We also met the secretary of the Abbot of Monserrat, a monastery which played a decisive role in Catalan History. I never saw such a



charismatic monk in my life before."

Receptions and guided tours at the Catalan Government, the city hall, the University of Barcelona and several sights completed the programme. "I will never forget the meeting with the sculptor Subirachs, who is working on the Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona", tells Ralf Scherer, participant from Augsburg. "After showing us his work for a quarter of an hour he went back to work like if he had said: 'Sorry, I have to finish a Cathedral'."

The "global team" is looking for solutions

Majority of the participants of the forum "Global Generation" came from outside Europe

FRANKFURT, 5-6

It all started with a simple question on a pamphlet or posted in a newsgroup: "Write us an essay about the following topic: how will globalisation in companies interact with your life? What kind of human resources strategy is needed to make a company truly global?"

With this essay competition the selection of participants at the Global Generation Symposium started. The event was organised by AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden in partnership with the airlift carrier Lufthansa. "Lufthansa provided free return tickets for all participants, lodging and meeting facilities at their training centre", says Roman Noack, main organiser of this event. The 22 participants arrived from South Africa, Colombia, Canada, Belarus and other countries. Nearly half of the "global team" came from outside Europe.

A global team-player needs a high level of understanding and open-mindedness. This was the result of the workshops and

discussions of the first day like: How do you define your identity, what are the characteristics of a global generation? "Globalisation for our company is a question of survival. It requires more than empty slogans to change employees' mindset",

concludes Thomas Settelberger, responsible for human resources development at Lufthansa. "Unfortunately for a company with German origin it is difficult to leave this frame of reference and move to a new one." Globalisation as the paradigm of the new world was one of the topics of the second day. What should a global company do to attract employees? "The discussions were sometimes quite heated on our little 'global level', because so many people came up with ideas and tried to persuade the others", observed Michael Rautenberg, head of careers opportunities and recruitment of Lufthansa. "But the neat results were really amazing."

For Roman Noack the meeting in Frankfurt was a glance into the future. "Whether this future will look better depends on the mankind's readiness to globalise."



"aegee.org" will be reality soon

Internet domain for everyone?

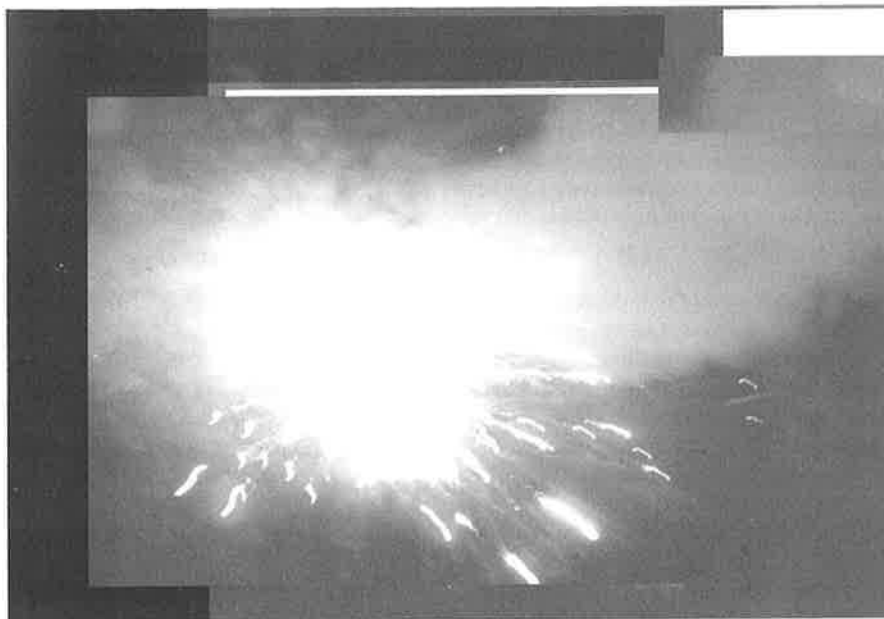
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AEGEE will get its own Internet domain in 1997 - this is a decision of the CD. "An own domain makes it possible to create addresses

like office@aegee.org", explains Sergio Caredda, Internet expert of the CD. "It offers a uniform structure of all addresses, which are easier to remember and looks more professional."

In the starting phase the AEGEE headquarters in Brussels and all CD members get a personal account on the new domain. In a second round all commissions and Working Groups will obtain accounts on "aegee.org". Finally, all locals can get

their e-mail address. Also all World Wide Web pages of AEGEE bodies will get an entry on "aegee.org". "We don't know yet, when we can offer an address for nearly everybody", says Sergio Caredda. The first phase should be reached in February 1997. "On the long run AEGEE has to run its own server computer", states Sergio Caredda. He hopes that already in 1997 AEGEE could run up to four servers.



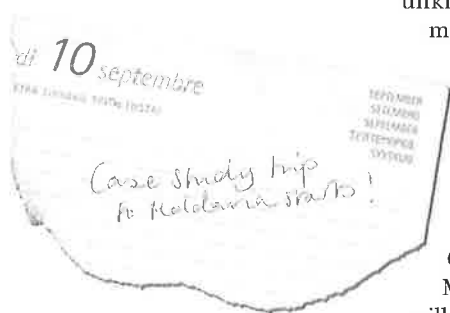
With fireworks into the new year

BARDEJOVSKE KUPELE, 31

With fireworks into the new year: 100 students from 17 countries welcome the year 1997 in Bardejovske Kupele, at the most international AEGEE New Year's party. At the same time also in Zagreb, Rome and Lodz international AEGEE parties take place. "Our party is already famous in AEGEE", states Miriam Menyhartova, president of AEGEE-Bratislava. "Especially because of our relaxed corridor parties." AEGEE-Bratislava is organising a skiing week in Eastern Slovakia in the Tatra mountains for five years already. Aside from the four international parties, several AEGEE antennae organise local New Year's parties.



PREVIEW



Moldavia is a country with rich history in the midst of a divided and for many unknown region in Europe. Today it is marked by the economical and political transformation after the fall of the Iron Curtain. In order to make this area become better known to more persons, AEGEE organises in September 1997 a two-week **Case Study Trip to Moldavia**. During the trip, which goes from Cluj Napoca, Iasi, Chisinau to Tiraspol and ends at the Moldavian monasteries, the participants will conduct a survey among students about their life conditions and ethnic identities. The conclusions of the trip will be collected and published in a booklet.

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PROJECTS 1997

Neighbourhood in Europe



The aim of the project "Neighbourhood in Europe" (NiE) is to help young people in Central and Eastern Europe to gain cross-cultural communication skills and increase their awareness of the existence of different cultures and values in other countries.

The project consists of training events, thematic conferences and Case Study Trips. The events will take place in several Central and Eastern European antennae in a cooperation with a neighbouring western antenna. The thematic conferences will mainly focus on cross-cultural communication such as the role of the media, relations towards minorities, immigrants, unemployment of young people, historical roots of Central and Eastern Europe, cross-border cooperation and more. The Case Study Trips will go to the Baltic countries and Moldavia. The final conference will be held in Warszawa in January 1998.

The concept of "Neighbourhood in Europe" was developed after the great success with the project of 1996, "Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society".

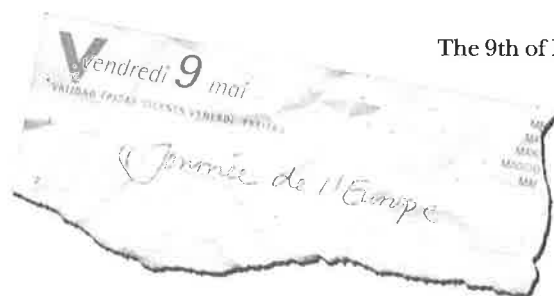


Europe and Euro...

This project deals with, as the name implies, the possible consequences of the Economic and Monetary Union. "Europe and Euro..." consists of three phases, starting in spring 1997 with an essay competition amongst students and pupils all over Europe. The second part comprises a series of conferences in Rotterdam, Gorizia, Coimbra, Barcelona, Aix-en-Provence, London, complemented by seminars and local events. The concluding part consists of a Final Conference in Eindhoven, taking place in December 1997.

This project will stress the individual aspects of the consequences on the job market and the influence of the global financial markets. The effect on the international balance-of-power, the potential of the European Monetary Union and the danger of marginalising the southern part of Europe are going to be dealt with. The information gained will be gathered for a results booklet which will be distributed to 2000 universities and schools in Europe.

1997



The 9th of May was chosen by the European Union as the **Day of Europe**. This year the European Union celebrates the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome. 150 AEGEE-locals will organise local events such as information points, conferences, exhibitions, parties and receptions on 9th of May. From Moskva to Las Palmas, from Palermo to Turku, AEGEE will bring the European idea to the Europeans.

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European Law Court Moot - regional final
Carnival in Rijeka
Sa Sartiglia
The information society - the future of education
Berlinale weekend '97
Britain's voyage towards Europe
Direction Europe I
Presidents' Meeting Plus/Managing AEGEE
Armenian culture
European School
Wine: a reason to live
Europe, industrial revolution and its links to tomorrow
What do I face (Europe and Euro...)
Direction Europe II
Agora Plus/Managing AEGEE
Training Course (NiE)
Crossover: art and science - the dialogue
When man plays God - Medical ethics towards 2000
European job fair: "A guide to the top"
The political frame (Europe and Euro...)
Growing up in Europe
Nuclear Europe: Chernobyl - the tragic experience
Environmental experience
Minorities in Europe
Gdansk - Town of transformation (NiE)
Day of Europe
Cake study trip
AEGEE-Award
MedTech - new ways for medicine
Literature of postcommunist countries in a new reality
World politics and international security: A political role-play
Summer Universities
Meeting islam
Transformation of education systems in CEEC (CST)
European School (NiE)
Case Study Trip to Moldavia (NiE)
Reserved date for Presidents' Meeting
Case Study Trip to the Baltic countries (NiE)
Historical roots of stereotypes in CE Europe (NiE)
Migration across borders (NiE)
The financial markets (Europe and Euro...)
Unemployment among youth: regional differences (NiE)
Reserved date for Agora
Role of media in CEEC and NIS (NiE)
Advertising in CEEC/NIS - Age of propaganda? (NiE)
National minorities, from racism to tolerance (NiE)
EMU seminar (Europe and Euro...)
Final Conference (Euro and Euro...)

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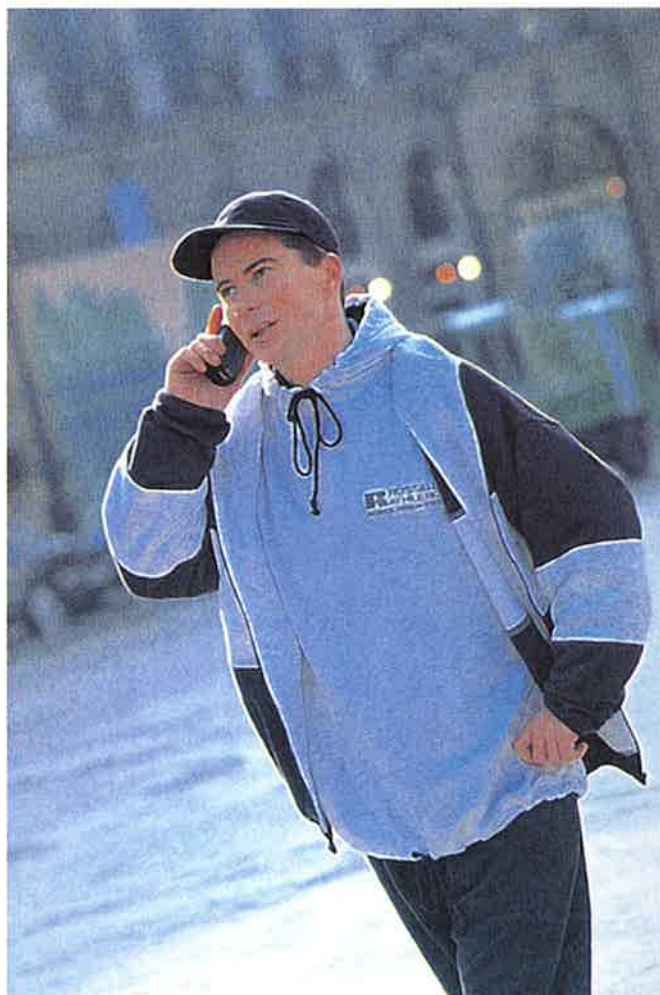
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